



**Maryland Commission  
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes  
April 4, 2025, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:**

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair  
M Pease, Committee Vice Chair  
Ex-Officio: Lee Blinder  
Joan Bryan  
Nicole Hollywood

**Members Not Present**

Rev. Ali K.C. Bell  
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**Staff and Guest Present:**

Jeremy Browning, Director  
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant  
Charlotte Persephone Hoffman, Policy Committee Advisor

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 10:19am.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: Commissioner Hollywood made a motion to approve the amended agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Pease. The motion was unanimously passed.
- V. Approval of 3.7.2024 Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Hollywood to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Pease. The motion was unanimously passed.
- VI. Discussion: 2025 Legislative Session: Chair Caballero provided a review of the bills that appear to be moving forward, including the Carlton R. Smith Act, Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission, and the Comprehensive Health Education

Framework but with an opt out for sexual orientation and gender identity. It was noted that all the bills the Commission determined to be harmful to LGBTQIA+ Marylanders will not pass.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 11:00am.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant