



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
March 7, 2025, 10:00am - 11:00am
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
M Pease, Committee Vice Chair
Ex-Officio: Lee Blinder
Rev. Ali K.C. Bell
Joan Bryan
Nicole Hollywood
Ly Xīnzhèn Zhǎngsūn

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 10:09am.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: An addition was made to the agenda as requested by Commissioner Hollywood to discuss the LGBTQ+ Caucus Legislative Night. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the amended agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood with no additional discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- V. Approval of 2.28.2024 Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Bell to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Bryan with no additional discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- VI. Discussion: 2025 Legislative Session: Chair Caballero provided a review of the upcoming bill hearings and outlined when testimony would be due for each. The submitted testimony for HB1399 was also reviewed. Advisor Hoffman then gave an

update on the Birth Certificate Modernization Act, noting that the bill would likely not be moving forward. Chair Caballero entertained a motion to place the discussion of the Birth Certificate Modernization Act not moving forward on the agenda for the full Commission meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Bell, and passed unanimously.

- VII. Discussion: Other Policy Matters - Director Browning gave a debrief on the recent LGBTQ Caucus event. The Commission is interested in hosting a similar event next year, with more discussion planned for a future meeting. A statement on the recent attacks on the transgender community was discussed by the committee and will go to the full Commission for discussion and approval at the March meeting.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 11:12am.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant