



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Development Committee Minutes
June 30, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Debb Dunn, Committee Chair
Wendy Novak
Kurt Doan
Anthony Fox

Members Not Present:

Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant

- I. Committee Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- II. Committee Chair Dunn acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Dunn.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: There were no additions or comments and the agenda was approved via unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of 7.23.2024 Minutes: Commissioner Doan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Novak seconded and the minutes were approved with all in favor.
- VI. Discussion: Establishment of a Companion 501c3 - The Committee discussed creating a companion 501(c)(3) foundation to support the Commission's work. Director Browning shared funding trends from Funders for LGBTQ Issues and gave an overview of ethical considerations for fundraising. Members discussed different charitable funding models and considerations. Director Browning shared the benefits of "affiliated foundations" that allow commissioners and staff to solicit donations.

- VII. Discussion: Considerations for Strategic Planning and Policy Recommendations - The Committee discussed strategic planning and policy recommendations, focusing on the idea of creating a companion 501(c)(3). A brief will be drafted for the full Commission to review, outlining the proposal, its legislative potential, and the current funding landscape. Director Browning will prepare the brief before the July 19 meeting. Director Browning also suggested revisiting funding needs and potential funders tracking sheets to support planning efforts.
- VIII. Meeting Schedule: The Committee discussed the need to meet more frequently now that the legislative session has concluded. Committee members decided that the next meeting will be scheduled for August 19, 2025. Meetings will be held every third Tuesday of the month thereafter.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant.