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DRAFT - Maryland Commission on LGBTQ Affairs Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023
6:00pm-8:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Commissioners Present:

Joe Toolan, Chair
Debb Dunn, Vice Chair
Sarcia Adkins
Nicholas Augustine
Lee Blinder

Joan Bryan
Kurt Doan
Stephen Martin
Margo Quinlan
Mark Ridderhoff

Commissioners Absent:

Joseph Clapsaddle
Mickey Dhir
Anthony Fox
Jabari Lyles
Rowan Willis-Powell

Staff Present:

Maureen Regan, Director of Communications - Governor's Coordinating Offices
Jeremy Browning, Administrative Director - MD Commission on LGBTQ Affairs

- I. Meeting was called to Order by the Chair at 6:03pm. Housekeeping items and Meeting Guidelines were read by the Chair.
- II. Roll Call was made by the Chair and Commissioners were asked to share their pronouns.
- III. November 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Bryan made the motion to approve the Zoom recording as minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Motion carried with all in favor.
- IV. Remarks were made by Chair Joe Toolan. Chair Toolan reflected on the first year of the commission and expressed excitement for the opportunities in 2023.
- V. Remarks were made by Vice Chair, Debb Dunn. Vice Chair Dunn expressed gratitude to the commission for electing her as Vice Chair and shared updates and opportunities in 2023.

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- VI. Remarks were made by Administrative Director, Jeremy Browning, including a reminder about 2022 Financial Disclosures, ethics guidelines for state boards and commissions, updated commissioner handbook, 2022 Annual Report, and shared Google folder for commissioners.
- VII. Committee Updates: Director Browning gave an update of progress of committees and noted meeting minutes are available for commissioner review.
- VIII. New Business: (Please note that "C." was moved before "A." and "B." items on the agenda)
 - C. 2023 Policy Priorities: Commissioner Blinder gave a brief update on the policy priorities of the commission. There was a discussion about other policies to support trans youth, misinformation spread by major media outlets, and other opportunities to make progress.
 - A. Draft 2023 Strategic Plan: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to adopt the Draft 2023 Strategic Plan and was seconded by Vice Chair Dunn. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - B. 3-5 year strategic Planning: Director Browning and Chair Toolan shared the results of the readiness questionnaire and shared moderation of the discussion. Director Browning reviewed the draft timeline, gave an overview of the planning process and next steps..
- IX. Open Forum for General Remarks or Comments: Commissioner Blinder shared that Trans Maryland just celebrated sending out their 900th name change packet and as of January 1, 2023 name change publication requirement is no longer part of Maryland law. Commissioner Blinder expressed gratitude for all the community members and allies for their help in making the legislative and rule changes.
- X. Closing remarks from Chair Toolan. Chair Toolan thanked everyone for their time and dedication to the commission.
- XI. Motion was made by Commissioner Ridderhoff and seconded by Commissioner Doan. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jeremy Browning, Administrative Director