



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
February 7, 2024, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Not Present:

All members present

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 7:06pm and read housekeeping items.
- II. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- III. Approval of the Agenda: Commissioner Pease made a motion to approve the agenda with removal of item VII and was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. Agenda was approved with all in favor.
- IV. Acknowledgement of Meeting Guidelines were included in the slides.
- V. Approval of 1.11.2024 Minutes: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Pease. Motion carried with one abstention by Commissioner Augustine.
- VI. Discussion - 2024 legislative session:
 - A. Director Browning gave an overview of the legislative session and status of our priority bills.
 - B. Commissioner Hollywood created and shared the 2024 Commission Priority and Legislation Alignment Table that demonstrates the alignment of the policy priorities with the Commission's approved policy positions. Unfavorable bills to be added to the table.

- C. Further discussions around establishing a procedure to address bill amendments during the fast-moving legislative session.
 - D. Commissioner Augustine made a motion to accept the updated list of priority bills and positions as represented on the 2024 Policy Priority document and was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - E. Schedule next meeting in two weeks to discuss mechanism for amendments and calendar of upcoming bill hearings.
- VII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeremy Browning