



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
April 11, 2024, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
August Clayton, Committee Vice Chair
Joan Bryan
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Members Not Present:

Nicolas Augustine
Nicole Hollywood
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- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: Committee Chair Caballero called a vote and the agenda was approved with all members in favor.
- V. Approval of 2.20.2024 Minutes: Committee Chair Caballero called a vote and the minutes were approved with all members in favor.
- VI. Discussion - 2024 Legislative Session Debrief: Director Browning shared that 7 of the 11 priority bills for the Commission passed one or both chambers and are headed to the Governor to be signed. Additionally, all anti-LGBTQIA+ bills identified by the Commission did not pass. A discussion ensued regarding why some priority bills did not pass and strategies for the next legislative session.
- VII. Discussion - Procedure for Bill Amendments: Remind commissioners to review draft policy and propose for a vote at the May Commission meeting.
- VIII. Discussion - LGBTQIA+ Symposium: The Committee discussed the scope of the Symposium and identified the next step is to establish a working committee to begin planning.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 8:42pm.

Minutes submitted by: Director, Jeremy Browning