



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Health & Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Mickey Dhir, Committee Chair
Anthony Fox, Vice Chair
Paula Neira
Stephen Martin

Members Absent:

Ex Officio: Lee Blinder

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning - Director, Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs
Taylor Harer - Special Assistant, Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs

- I. Meeting called to order by Committee Chair at 7:04pm.
- II. Committee Chair Dhir acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Dhir.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda and it was approved via unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of Minutes: There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: HIV Sign on Letter, The People's Declaration - The Committee discussed the HIV sign-on letter, *The People's Declaration*, part of the Save HIV Funding Campaign. The Committee discussed the sign on letter and making a recommendation to the Commission to sign on. Commissioner Fox made a motion to recommend that the Commission sign on as an organizational signatory to support those impacted by HIV. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Neira and was approved unanimously. Additionally, the Committee will prepare a statement and call to action to accompany the sign on letter.

- VII. Discussion: 2025 Health & Wellness Committee Priorities - The Committee held an open discussion on the 2025 Health & Wellness Committee Priorities. Director Browning suggested arranging a meeting with the Maryland Department of Health, which was supported by the Committee. Director Browning shared a draft statement from the Policy Committee on federal attacks against LGBTQIA+ Marylanders and provided a link for the Health & Wellness Committee to review and provide feedback.
- VIII. Adjournment: 8:04pm

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant