



**Maryland Commission  
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes  
January 23, 2026 10:00am-11:00am  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair  
M Pease, Committee Vice Chair  
Nicole Hollywood  
Ly Xīnzhèn Zhǎngsūn  
Ex-Officio: Lee Blinder

Members Not Present

Joan Bryan

Staff and Guests Present:

Taylor Harer, Special Assistant  
Charlotte Persephone Hoffman, Policy Committee Advisor

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 10:10am.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda and it was approved via unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of 1.9.2026 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were passed via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: Upcoming Priority Bill Hearings - Policy Advisor Hoffman provided an overview of hearings held the previous day and reviewed those scheduled in the coming weeks. She highlighted HB444 as a bill in need of testimony, noting uncertainty about whether there would be sufficient time for the Commission to submit testimony. Policy Advisor Hoffman also shared her Trans Maryland slide deck outlining upcoming testimony sign-up dates. Additional discussion focused on HB63, which is currently sponsor-only, with written testimony due by February 3, 2026.

- VII. Discussion: Additional Policy Issues - The Committee agreed to adjust the meeting time to noon on the Friday, February 6, 2026. It was also noted that Charlotte will be unavailable for the meeting on the 6th.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 10:59am.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant