



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
December 15, 2025, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Not Present

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Staff and Guests Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant
Charlotte Persephone Hoffman, Policy Committee Advisor

- I. Committee Vice Chair Pease called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.
- II. Committee Vice Chair Pease acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Vice Chair Pease.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda and it was approved via unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of 10.27.2025 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were passed via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: 2026 Legislative Session - Director Browning presented an overview of the proposed 2026 policy priorities in preparation for the January Commission meeting. There were no changes recommended at this meeting. The Committee discussed potential masking-related legislation and emphasized the need to ensure alignment with established priorities and mandates. There was also a discussion on future meeting cadence. The committee will be meeting weekly throughout the legislative session, beginning on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 10:00am.

- VII. Discussion: Legislative Reception - Updates were provided by Director Browning. There were no additional needs or information needed at this time.
- VIII. Discussion: Additional Policy Issues - There was an open forum style conversation to discuss additional policy issues. There was also a brief discussion on the emergency session the Governor called as well as the process for veto overrides.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 1:05pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant