



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
February 6, 2026 12:00pm-1:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Not Present:

Ly Xīnzhèn Zhǎngsūn
Charlotte Persephone Hoffman, Policy Committee Advisor

Staff and Guests Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 12:21pm.
- 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 1.30.2026 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were passed via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: Upcoming Priority Bill Hearings - Director Browning led a review of the priority bill tracking document, highlighting upcoming hearing dates, testimony deadlines, and anticipated testimony plans. Commissioners engaged in an open discussion throughout this item, asking questions and offering input on strategy and timing. Director Browning also provided an overview of the 2026 Legislative Policy Priorities document and shared updates where applicable. The Committee discussed making a formal

recommendation to the full Commission to add the following bills and expected bills to the 2026 Legislative Policy Priorities:

- A. (2026) HB0014: County Boards of Education - Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation - Information Collection and Reporting Requirements
- B. (2026) SB0001 Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings
- C. (2026) SB0568 - Health Occupations - Licensed Psychologists - Prescriptive Authority
- D. (2026) HB1011 - Workgroup on Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students - Established
- E. PrEP Pharmacy Prescribing Authority Bill
- F. Inclusive Bereavement Leave Policies
- G. Conversion Therapy Camp Ban Bill
- H. Access to HRT Bill

Vice Chair Pease made the motion to present the recommendations above and combine “Favorable Bills to Watch” with all “Favorable” bills to the full Commission at the February 9, 2026 Commission meeting. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. After hearing no additional discussion the motion was passed with all in favor.

- VII. Discussion: Additional Policy Issues - There were no additional policy issues to discuss at this time.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 1:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant