



**Maryland Commission  
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes  
July 9, 2025, 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair  
M Pease, Committee Vice Chair  
Ex-Officio: Lee Blinder  
Rev. Ali K.C. Bell  
Nicole Hollywood

Members Not Present

Joan Bryan  
Ly Xīnzhèn Zhǎngsūn

Staff and Guest Present:

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

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 3:09pm.
- 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 comments and the agenda was passed via unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of 5.2.2024 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were passed via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: Mid-Year Top Challenges, Recommendations, and Preliminary 2026 Policy Priorities - The Committee held a discussion on midyear top challenges, recommendations, and preliminary 2026 policy priorities. A previously prepared briefing document was shared again for review, with members revisiting and updating the content as needed. A discussion followed regarding key funding line items. A motion was

made by Vice Chair Pease to approve updating midyear challenge and recommendations to the full Commission for review. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- VII. Discussion: Resolution to Clarify the Roles of the Commission - The Committee engaged in a discussion regarding a resolution affirming the Commission's administrative structure. Director Browning provided an overview of the Commission's current structure and shared a document outlining the resolution, which emphasized the Commission's statutory autonomy and commitment to collaboration. The Committee discussed the necessity of the resolution given the independence granted by the statute.
- VIII. Discussion: Succession Planning - There was a brief discussion on the importance of succession planning.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 4:13pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant