



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
October 27, 2025, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Not Present

Rev. Ali K.C. Bell
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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 6:03pm.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: The addition of discussing the sign on letter for protections for providers and patients was added to the agenda. There were no further additions or comments. Vice Chair Pease made the motion to add the agenda item and Commissioner Hollywood seconded. The agenda was passed with all in favor.
- V. Approval of 9.22.2025 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were passed via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: 2026 Legislative Session - Director Browning and Advisor Hoffman shared policy and bill updates, followed by an open discussion on how each bill relates to the LGBTQIA+ community. Advisor Hoffman, Director Browning, and Chair Blinder reported on a productive meeting with Del. Fair, reaffirming collaboration during the session. The

Commission added HB1521 to the favorable bills list as well as support legislation to phase out local 287(g) immigration enforcement agreements. Director Browning also presented the “Maryland Protections for Providers and Patients” sign-on letter, leading to discussion about adopting a consent calendar to streamline approvals.

- VII. Discussion: Director Appointment Process - This agenda item was pushed to the next meeting due to limited new information.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 7:05pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant