



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Development Committee Minutes
September 16, 2025, 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Debb Dunn, Committee Chair
Wendy Novak
Kurt Doan
Anthony Fox
Joe Toolan

Members Not Present:

Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant

- I. Committee Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
- II. Committee Chair Dunn acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Dunn.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: There were no changes or additions to the agenda and it was approved via unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of 8.25.2025 Minutes: There were no changes or additions or changes and the minutes were approved via unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: Fiscal Sponsorship Updates - The Committee received fiscal sponsorship updates from Director Browning, who shared details from a meeting with a potential fiscal sponsor, SPM Disability Justice Fund. Director Browning noted that the Commission would have to submit an application and that the full commission would vote on whether to move forward. The floor was opened for questions and comments. Committee members were asked to review the SPM Disability Justice Fund documents

by September 21. Staff will begin drafting a proposal to the full Commission to recommend using SPM Disability Justice Fund as a fiscal sponsor.

- VII. Discussion: Affiliated Foundation Updates - The Committee held a discussion on updates regarding the Affiliated Foundation. The need to identify a bill sponsor was noted and the Committee agreed to follow up with the caucus to present the Committee's goals and objectives. The discussion highlighted the importance of modeling the effort after other affiliated foundations in the state. The floor was then opened for an open discussion, allowing members to share input and ideas on next steps.
- VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dunn at 5:48pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant.