



**Maryland Commission  
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes  
March 13, 2026 12:00pm-1:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members not Present:

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Staff and Guests Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director  
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant  
Chloe Kastner

- 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 unanimously.
- V. Approval of 2.27.2026 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- VI. Discussion: Upcoming Meetings - An open discussion was held regarding general scheduling availability. Director Browning noted the need to identify a new time that better accommodates the Committee and will circulate a Doodle poll to gather availability. Chair Caballero suggested moving to biweekly meetings; however, Chair Blinder raised concerns that less frequent meetings could limit the group's ability to

respond quickly to changing positions on certain bills. Following further discussion, the Committee agreed to maintain weekly meetings while exploring a new meeting time.

- VII. Discussion: Upcoming Priority Bill Hearings - Director Browning provided an update and discussed upcoming testimony submission. He noted that crossover day is March 23, 2026.
- VIII. Discussion: Additional Policy Issues - Chair Blinder reported that the Birth Certificate Modernization Act passed the Finance Committee. Chloe Kastner provided updates on an amendment to HB0769/SB0018, noting advocates now oppose the bill as amended because it fails to address licensure inequities and is unlikely to progress this year. After discussion, Commissioner Torres Bolivar moved to withdraw support and draft an explanatory statement; Commissioner Bryan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Torres Bolivar will share the draft with Director Browning for review at the next meeting. Director Browning also updated members on bill statuses and Advocacy Day..
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Chair Caballero at 12:46pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant