



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Youth & Education Committee Minutes
July 1, 2025, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Asher Kennedy, Committee Chair
Wendy Novak, Committee Vice Chair
Brandon Russell

Members Not Present:

Joan Bryan
Sarah Stern
Ex-Officio: Lee Blinder

Staff Present:

Director: Jeremy Browning
Special Assistant: Taylor Harer

- I. Committee Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:06pm
- II. Committee Chair Kennedy acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Kennedy.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: There were no additions or comments and the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of 5.27.2025 Minutes: There were no additions or comments and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: Review and Update of Recommendations for Supporting LGBTQIA+ Students - The Committee reviewed the 2025 draft recommendations for supporting LGBTQIA+ students, discussed Maryland's GLSEN survey grade, and considered updated YRBS data. The Committee reviewed all recommendations in the draft updates document. Commissioners provided feedback and added comments directly to the

document in real time. It was recommended that additional stakeholders review the document and provide recommendations.

- VII. Discussion: Emergent Challenges - The Committee discussed recommending that MSDE conduct an annual audit and publish a compliance report, noting the lack of consequences for districts that fail to implement the recommendations.
- VIII. Discussion: Finalize MSDE Requests - The Committee prepared requests for a MSDE follow-up meeting.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Kennedy at 7:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Special Assistant, Taylor Harer