

City of Pittsburgh
LGBTQIA+ Commission
January 2024 Regular Meeting
January 21, 2025 • 5:30-7:00 PM
Zoom

AGENDA

Commissioners Present

Guillermo Velazquez
Leonard Orbovich
Richard Parsakian
Donal Donovan
Alexander Gray
Julian McClain
Sarah Rosso

Adrianna Branin – IDEA Manager, LGBTQIA+ Commission Staff Liaison

Meeting was called to order by A. Branin at 5:38pm

- I. Roll Call – A. Branin called roll; quorum present
- II. No prior meeting minutes available for approval
- III. Acknowledgement of Public Comment – no public comment was reported
- IV. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
 - a. Regular Meeting Schedule: Third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM
 - b. Commission Officer Positions
 - i. 3 Co-Chair – No report
 - ii. 1 Secretary – No report
 - iii. 1 Treasurer – No report
 - iv. 1 Outreach Coordinator – No report
 - c. Commissioners decided to hold their annual election for officers in the February 2025 monthly meeting
- V. Reports of Special Committees
 - a. Momentum Building for the Commission / Actionable Goal Planning
 - i. Plan a training (SOGIE)
 1. A. Branin gave updates on conversations between HR and Hugh Lane to have HR Staff get certified in SOGIE so that they can provide SOGIE trainings to other City personnel. They are currently in the midst of discussing options and budget.
 - ii. LGBTQIA+ Townhall
 1. Commissioners discussed the need to re-introduce the community to the Commission and explain the role of the LGBTQIA+ Commission. As well as having City Staff explain how they're prioritizing the needs of LGBTQIA+ residents.
- VI. Unfinished Business

- a. New Logo for the Commission
 - i. Logo was voted on previously is not allowed to be used because it doesn't follow the branding guide for the City. A.Branin presented a new logo. Commissioners expressed an interest in seeing some other options before voting for a permanent logo.
 - ii. **Motion** by Sarah Rosso to have a placeholder logo on the website while the Commission evaluates other logo options.
 - iii. Julian McClain seconded
 - iv. **Approved** by voice vote without objection
- b. Gender Neutral Single Stall Bathrooms
 - i. A.Branin reported on meeting with DPW to obtain data on bathrooms in City Facilities. DPW doesn't currently have data on the number and type of bathrooms in each City Facility. A. Branin is planning to utilize an intern to gather that data to support this recommendation.
 - ii. **Motion** by Alexander Gray to include unisex bathrooms in City Facilities that are new construction or renovations that involve a bathroom.
 - iii. Leonard Orbovich seconded
 - iv. **Approved** by voice vote without objection
- c. Sex Worker Ordinance
 - i. A. Branin reported on meeting with community advocates that are working on legislation to reduce the penalty for sex workers arrested for prostitution.
 - ii. Motion by Alexander Gray to invite the advocates to come to a monthly meeting to discuss their legislation and the impact it will have for the LGBTQIA+ community.
 - iii. Leonard Orbovich seconded
 - iv. **Approved** by voice vote without objection

VII. New Business

- a. October OUTfest planning committee
 - i. A. Branin reported on how the Gainey Administration had included money in the budget to hold Pittsburgh's first "Outfest" in October 2025. There will be a planning committee that will include the Commissioners, City Staff and Dena Stanley.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Guillermo Velazquez expressed that since Billy Hilleman left his position that it would be important to have another lawyer on the Commission for their expertise and legal knowledge.
- b. Alexander Gray asked if we could follow up with Qburgh doing recaps for the monthly commission meetings. He was working with Qburgh to report LGBTQIA+ housing barriers.
- c. Julian McClain announced that Aids Free Pittsburgh is holding two events for Black HIV awareness day and is having some trouble obtaining the needed funding. Julian wanted to uplift for any community members that are able to support, and they can contact him with any questions.

- IX. Adjournment
- X. **Motion** by Richard Parsakian to adjourn. Seconded by Alexander Gray.
- XI. **Approved** by voice vote without objection