

# THE GOVERNOR

## Title 4—ADMINISTRATION

### PART I. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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### Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs

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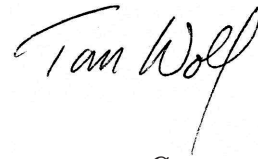
*Whereas*, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (“LGBTQ”) Pennsylvanians make unique, diverse and valuable contributions to the culture, society and economy of Pennsylvania, which have a beneficial impact on life in the Commonwealth and beyond; and

*Whereas*, the Commonwealth is committed to providing equality and opportunity for all its citizens and increasing access for LGBTQ persons to civic, economic, and educational opportunities in Pennsylvania; and

*Whereas*, we acknowledge the myriad contributions of LGBTQ Pennsylvanians, while also recognizing challenges still faced by many LGBTQ Pennsylvanians; and

*Whereas*, it will benefit the Commonwealth to define and address the unique contributions, needs and concerns of LGBTQ persons and communities, in order to improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby establish, in the Office of the Governor, the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs as the Commonwealth's advocate agency for its LGBTQ citizens as hereinafter set forth.



Governor

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#### Annex A

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#### CHAPTER 6. ADDITIONAL COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

#### Subchapter FFF. PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON LGBTQ AFFAIRS

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#### § 6.701. Functions.

The Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs:

(1) Advises the Governor on policies, procedures, legislation and regulations that impact LGBTQ individuals and communities.

(2) Develops, reviews and recommends to the Governor policies in the areas of health and human services, housing, education, employment, business formation and other relevant areas which impact LGBTQ individuals and communities.

(3) Provides appropriate assistance and advice to the Department of General Services and the Department of Community and Economic Development, and works with the Bureau of Workforce Planning, Development, and Equal Employment Opportunity, within the Office of Human Resources and Management, in the Governor's Office of Administration, to strengthen the enforcement of the Commonwealth's anti-discriminatory hiring, retention and promotion policies

(4) Serves as a liaison to Federal, State and local agencies to ensure that programs affecting LGBTQ individuals and communities are effectively utilized and promoted.

(5) Serves as a resource for community groups and provide forums for developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural and economic status of LGBTQ individuals and communities.

(6) Identifies programs, scholarships, mentoring programs, sources of funding or other resources for the benefit and advancement of LGBTQ individuals and communities.

(7) Promotes the cultural arts of LGBTQ communities throughout this Commonwealth.

(8) Communicates activities and initiatives of State government that impact or otherwise may affect LGBTQ communities in this Commonwealth.

**§ 6.702. Composition.**

(a) The Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs (Commission) shall consist of no more than 40 members, to be appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of this Commonwealth's LGBTQ communities or others who have an interest in the success of the LGBTQ communities and provide value to the work of the Commission.

(b) The Governor shall designate one Commission member to serve as Chairperson. The Governor shall designate one Commission member to serve as first Vice-Chairperson and another Commission member to serve as second Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson and all Vice-Chairpersons shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(c) The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Executive Director will report to the Secretary of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

**§ 6.703. Terms of membership.**

(a) Members will be appointed for terms of 2 years and serve until their respective successors are appointed. A member may be reappointed for one or more additional terms. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and adhere to policy setting forth Commissioner responsibilities and expectations as may be promulgated from time to time by the Executive Director and the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs (Commission) Chairperson.

(b) Should a vacancy occur on the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a successor. The successor shall be appointed to fulfill the remainder of the term. A successor so appointed may thereafter be reappointed for one or more additional terms.

(c) A member who is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Commission, without sufficient excuse, shall forfeit membership on the Commission.

**§ 6.704. Compensation.**

Members of the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs will not receive compensation for their service, except that members may be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Commonwealth policy. See Chapter 40 (relating to travel and subsistence).

**§ 6.705. Relationship with other agencies.**

Agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate with and provide assistance and support as needed by the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs (Commission) to carry out its functions effectively. Independent agencies, State-affiliated entities and State-related institutions also are strongly encouraged to work with the Commission to support its mission.

**§ 6.706. Reports.**

The Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs shall submit an annual report to the Governor or the Governor's designee and the Secretary of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and other reports as it deems necessary, on issues affecting LGBTQ communities in this Commonwealth.

**§ 6.707. Procedures.**

(a) The Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs (Commission) is authorized to establish subcommittees, rules and procedures for the effective implementation of its functions, consistent with this subchapter, which subcommittees may include advisory nonmembers, if approved by the Commission Chairperson and the Executive Director.

(b) The Commission will establish a State Government Subcommittee (Subcommittee) for the purpose of supporting the mission of the Commission in Commonwealth agencies. This Subcommittee will be chaired by the Executive Director and, as appropriate, co-chaired by a member of the Governor's Cabinet, and will work with the Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs to support the mission of the Commission and accomplish the work of the Commission in the executive agencies. The Subcommittee will be comprised of members of the Governor's Cabinet or their respective designees, and other individuals deemed necessary to accomplish the work of the Subcommittee.

(c) A majority of the Commissioners serving at any time shall constitute a quorum.

**§ 6.708. Effective date.**

This subchapter takes effect immediately and shall continue in effect unless revised or modified by the Governor.

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