



***Somerset County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board  
Meeting Agenda***

January 13th, 2022  
7:00PM

I. Call to order 7:05

***II. Roll call***

Present: Michele Kidd, Jean Weekes, Syd Rosen, Nate Cordero, Commissioner Marano  
Absent: Frank Morano, Roberta Walters

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting  
Motioned by Michele & Nate

***IV. Open issues***

a) **Congratulate Nate** on appointment (RVCC seat is now filled)

b) **Bridgewater Municipal Alliance Letter**. They're not reappointing anyone right now.

We never heard back from the Municipal Alliance.

c) **Sheriff Meeting**. We met with members of the County jail, discussing how prisoners are brought up in regards to gender & sexuality. We want to make sure they're not being victimized, addressed by the correct pronouns, make sure their medical needs are being met, and being handled appropriately. Overall we were very impressive with how the meeting was handled. We will meet again when we have a more comprehensive packet.

d) **January Health Event** – January 21, 7-8:30 on Zoom. We will have a keynote (Danielle King), as well as 2 speakers (Ali Longo & Avery Heimann). We will advertise again on Facebook, as well as post on IG & send out a press release. Advertise to FB again.

e) **LGBTQ+ Flag for June** - request letter to county and towns

Draft a letter to request & send it out. Ask to have the flag flown on municipal property (might not doable). If not, we'll request lights.

f) **Pride Month** in Somerville - Commissioner Marano spoke with Natalie from DSA, who was enthusiastic and would like us to be part of the event. Nate & Jean will reach out to Natalie regarding how we can assist.

g) **Asbury Park Event** - It's still happening. Do we want to march or have a float?

h) **July Meet & Greet** – Duke Island Park again. We have the park permit for July. If we ask for food trucks, we need to tell them an advance to get ready and get their permits.

#### ***V. New business***

a) **Somerset Patriots LGBT Night – JUNE 9 or 22.** working with Molly from Somerset Patriots in Bridgewater. Plan on hosting a pride night at the Ballpark, which will be a huge fundraising and bridge the community together. **We will reach out to pride groups & organizations to also be involved.**

Nate will reach out to RV for their pride club folks.

We would like to have Cissy opening up the night with the Star-Spangled Banner

We should have info tables focused on domestic violence, mental health, recovery, physical health, trans affirming alliance. We need to include Sheriff Russo for safety but also members might be uncomfortable with law enforcement.

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#### ***VI. Adjournment*** - 8:37

Motioned by Syd & Nate