

Raul Torres Executive Director

December 11, 2025

Minutes of November 13, 2025 Human Rights Commission James J McCoart Building – Powells Creek A&B

#### **Human Rights Commission**

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Ramunda Young, Parliamentarian
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## **MINUTES**

ChairMembersCurtis O. PorterWilliam JohnstonVice ChairKimberly SparkesEvelyn BruMarPadreus D. PratterParliamentarianVictoria D. StaublyRamunda YoungBenjamin BaldwinVictor L. Ginoba, Jr.

<u>Present</u>: Commissioners: Benjamin Baldwin, Victoria Staubly, William Johnston, Ramunda Young, Chair, Curtis Porter, Assistant Director, Shelia Venning, and Administrative Specialist, Tiffany Jones.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

#### **Citizens Time**

■ There were no citizens present.

#### **Old Business**

The minutes of the October 2025 meeting was approved (Young moved/Baldwin – seconded).

## **New Business**

- Universal Human Rights Day will be held on January 17, 2026, at 10 AM at the James J.
   McCoart Building Board Chambers. This year's theme is "From Reconstruction to the Future: 250 Years of Civil Rights Progress" with a focus on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- We are now accepting nominations until December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The guest speaker will be Dr. James "Jay" Gillispie, Dean at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

# **Committee Reports**

## Jail Board

The next Jail Board meeting will be held on November 19, 2025.

## **Student Leadership Council**

- We accepted 60 students in Cohort 10.
- The Student Leadership Council Orientation was held on October 28, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Board Chambers at the James J. McCoart building.
- The first session, which took place on November 6, 2025, focused on Equal Employment. The guest speaker for this session was Director Raul Torres from the PWC Human Rights Office. The session was well attended, with 49 students participating.
- Prince William County Public Schools will host the next session on December 10, 2025.

## **Director's Report**

- The County has appointed Dr. Alicia Hart as the new Deputy County Executive (DCXO). Her prior leadership roles include Executive Director of Facilities and Operations and Director of Educational Facilities for Alexandria City Public Schools; Assistant Director of Public Works, Maintenance and Operations for Prince William County; and senior positions with the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission.
- The HRO inquired with Human Resources regarding veteran preferences. Now that the new DCXO has been hired, she will meet with the HR Director and the Legal Department to discuss the County's next steps on this matter.
- The office has hired a new Investigator, Jessica Greene. Her start date was October 20th. She replaces Dennis Sumlin who retired in August of 2025.

## **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

#### Benjamin Baldwin – Nothing to report.

<u>Victoria Staubly</u> – Commissioner Staubly stated that November 20, 2026, is Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR). That day honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Equality Prince William will host this event Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bull Run Unitarian Universalist, at 7PM.

<u>William Johnston</u> – Nothing to report.

<u>Ramunda Young - Commissioner Young wished the commission a Happy Veterans Day and acknowledged that it is Native American Heritage Month. Additionally, Commissioner Young is </u>

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featured in the 2025 Essence Festival of Culture: Beyond Ohio and Virginia: Discover 15 Other HBCUs You Should Know and Meet Their Accomplished Alumni.

Chair Porter - reported that an arrest has been made in a prior hate crime incident.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

## **ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS
<ul> <li>To contact Human         Resources about         Veteran preference in         hiring</li> </ul>	Staff		On going
To collect a list of all     Chairs of the local     Human Rights office	Tiffany Jones		

# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	2	3	
Housing		1	
<b>Public Accommodation</b>			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL		•	36