

Raul Torres
Executive Director

February 12, 2026

Minutes of January 8, 2026
Human Rights Commission
James J McCoart Building – Board Chambers

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Ramunda Young, Parliamentarian
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Victoria D. Staubly

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Present: Commissioners: Victoria Staubly, William Johnston, Victor Ginoba, Kimberly Sparkes, Ramunda Young, Vice Chair, Evelyn BruMar, Chair, Curtis Porter, Director, Raul Torres, and Administrative Specialist, Tiffany Jones.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Citizens Time

- There were no citizens present.

Old Business

- The minutes of the December 11, 2025, meeting was approved (Johnson moved/Young – 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.
 - The guest speaker will be Dr. James “Jay” Gillispie, Dean at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

- The 2025 Universal Human Rights Day winners are as follows:
 - Michael Artson
 - Chaplain Raymond Perez
 - Riley Devereaux
 - Martin "Marty" Nohe
 - Woodbridge Workers Committee
 - Project Mend-A-House
- Lite refreshments will be served.
- The program will begin at 10 AM, and we are asking all commissioners, speakers, and winners to arrive by 9:30 AM.
- The Commission elected officers for CY2026.
 - The officers are as follows:
 - Curtis Porter, Chairman
 - Evelyn BruMar, Vice Chairwoman
 - Ramunda Young, Parliamentarian
- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the month of February 2026 as Black History Month (Staubly moved/Ginoba second). Resolution passed 7/0.

Committee Reports

Jail Board

- The Jail Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2026. Director Torres will provide a report at the February meeting.

Student Leadership Council

- The next session will be held on January 15th at the Kelly Leadership Center, from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. This session will focus on Fair Housing. Mahalia "Mally" Dryden-Mason will be the Presenter.
- A select group of students will participate in Universal Human Rights Day program on January 17th.
- On January 19th, several students will also take part in the 41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Youth Oratorical Competition and Program.

Director's Report

- Director Torres met with DCXO Dr. Alicia Hart, who will now meet with Human Resources Director Susan Washington and the County Attorney's Office. She will then provide him with a response regarding the process for considering veterans' preferences.
- Additionally, Director Torres met with County DXO Dr. Alicia Hart regarding the Interjurisdictional Committee established by the Board of County Supervisors. This committee will bring both cities together, where Director Torres will present on the expansion plans for Manassas Park and the City of Manassas concerning the County ordinance.
- The office currently has a total of 38 open charges that are actively being investigated.
- Chair Porter, Assistant Director Venning, and Director Torres met with Supervisor Stewart from the Gainesville District to explain the role and functions of the Human Rights Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Victor Ginoba – Commissioner Ginoba expressed appreciation for the Human Rights office's recent Veterans Webinar and newsletter, both of which he found valuable. Additionally, he noted that tonight's meeting will be his last as a commissioner, as he requested not be reappointed to the commission.

Victoria Staubly – Commissioner Staubly would like to take a moment to recognize that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is approaching on January 15th.

Kimberly Sparkes – Commissioner Sparkes is excited about the upcoming Universal Human Rights Day program and extends her congratulations to all the awardees. She also expressed that Commissioner Ginoba will be missed.

Ramunda Young – Commissioner Young expressed that Commissioner Ginoba will be missed and highlighted the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Additionally, she stated that on January 16th, the event, titled *The 1619 Project: A Visual Experience*, will open at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library as part of the Freedom and Resistance Exhibition, which will feature Nikole Hannah-Jones, DC historians, Step Afrika! and Go-Go.

William Johnston – Commissioner Johnston is looking forward to Black History Month.

Evelyn BruMar - Commissioner BruMar wishes the Commission a Happy New Year.

She shared that she has been providing Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) training for the Police Department over the past four years and often mentions her role on the Human Rights Commission.

Additionally, Commissioner BruMar invited the Commission to tour the new Casa BruMar Community Center, which will be located at the Woodbridge Business Center.

Chair Porter - Chair Porter stated that it has been a pleasure serving with Commissioner Ginoba on the Commission.

The 41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition, hosted by the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will take place on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Triangle, VA. The event is free and open to the public, featuring student speakers focusing on the theme "Awakening the Dream: Breaking Barriers in the Fight for Justice and Unity".

Additionally, on January 17th, there will be the inauguration of Governor-elect Spanberger. Some members of the Board of County Supervisors will be attending the event in Richmond, VA. The governor-elect plans to reinstate the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has appointed Dr. Sesha Joi Moon as Virginia's next Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS
• To contact Human Resources about Veteran preference in hiring	Staff		On going

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR JANUARY 2026**

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment		8	
Housing			
Public Accommodation			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			44