



Raul Torres  
Executive Director

January 8, 2026

Minutes of December 11, 2025  
Human Rights Commission  
James J McCoart Building – Board Chambers

## MINUTES

### Chair

Curtis O. Porter

### Vice Chair

Evelyn BruMar

### Parliamentarian

Ramunda Young

### Members

William Johnston

Kimberly Sparkes

Padreus D. Pratter

Victoria D. Staubly

Benjamin Baldwin

Victor L. Ginoba, Jr.

**Present:** Commissioners: Benjamin Baldwin, Victoria Staubly, William Johnston, Padreus Pratter, Victor Ginoba, Kimberly Sparkes, Vice Chair, Evelyn BruMar, Chair, Curtis Porter, Assistant Director, Shelia Venning, 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 November 13, 2025, meeting was approved (Baldwin moved/Staubly – 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.
- The guest speaker will be Dr. James “Jay” Gillispie, Dean at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).
- The program will begin at 10 AM, and we are asking all commissioners to arrive by 9:30 AM.

- The nominations period closed on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The UHRD Committee met to review the nominations and present their recommendations to the Commission. 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
- The next steps are to contact the winners, after which the staff will prepare and distribute a press release to the public.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Jail Board**

- Director Torres was on vacation during the November Jail Board meeting and has no updates to report.
- The next Jail Board meeting will be held on January 21, 2026.

#### **Student Leadership Council**

- Prince William County Public Schools hosted their session on December 10, 2025. The focus was on Education and Prevention to promote an Inclusive Environment Among Students. 48 students were in attendance.
- The next session will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kelly Leadership Center, from 4:30PM – 6:30PM. 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 on January 17<sup>th</sup>. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, they will also take part in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Youth Oratorical Competition and Program.

#### **Director's Report**

- The office has a total of 38 Charges that are open and actively being investigated.
- The HRO is awaiting direction from 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.
- On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the office will be hosting a webinar that will focus on Veteran discrimination. The speakers will be;

- Meghan M. Phillips, Esq., Associate, Vanderpool, Frostick, Nishanian, PC
- Christopher Mayers, PWC Criminal Justice Services
- Representatives from Prince William County Agency on Aging, Community Services, Social Services, and Office of Housing and Community Development.
- Once the webinar is complete, the office will be sending out the Quartey newsletter, which will also highlight issues related to Veteran Discrimination.
- A motion was brought to the commission to authorize the chair of the commission to sign the agreement on the terms of the settlement agreement. (Baldwin moved/Ginoba – seconded).

### **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

Kimberly Sparkes – Commissioner Sparkes met with the new Supervisor of the Gainesville District, George T. Stewart. She is excited about the opportunities ahead.

Victoria Staubly – Commissioner Staubly attended the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR). That day honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. State Senator Danica Roem was in attendance.

Padreus Pratter – Commissioner Pratter would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Benjamin Baldwin – Commissioner Baldwin states he will be attending the Veterans Webinar and looking forward to participating in Universal Human Rights Day.

Victor Ginoba – Commissioner Ginoba would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

William Johnston – Commissioner Ginoba would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Evelyn BruMar - Commissioner BruMar informed the commission that one Hypothermia Prevention Center is open from November 1st to March 31st.

She has been providing CIT training for the Police Department over the past four years.

On December 13th, Commissioner BruMar will be collecting her keys to the new Casa BruMar Community Center, which will be located at the Woodbridge Business Center. The center will occupy an entire floor, with half dedicated to Community Services and the other half forming a partnership with Prince William Health Centers. It will serve Pride clients with wrap-around services and include a pharmacy. There will be a soft opening on Valentine's Day, followed by a grand opening during the summer.

Chair Porter - Chair Porter would like to arrange a meeting with Supervisor Stewart to introduce the Human Rights Commission and discuss our mission and activities.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.**

**ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To contact Human Resources about Veteran preference in hiring</li> </ul>	Staff		On going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To collect a list of all Chairs of the local Human Rights office</li> </ul>	Tiffany Jones	12/3/2025	Completed

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
 CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR DECEMBER 2025**

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
<b>Employment</b>		4	
<b>Housing</b>			
<b>Public Accommodation</b>			
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Credit</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>38</b>