



Raul Torres
Executive Director

June 12, 2025

Minutes of May 8, 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, Kimberly Sparkes, Padreus Pratter, Victoria Staubly, Victor Ginoba, William Johnston, Vice Chair, Evelyn BruMar Chair, Curtis Porter, Director, Raul Torres, Assistant Director, Shelia Venning, and Administrative Specialist Tiffany Jones.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Citizens Time

- There were no citizens present.

Old Business

- The minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting was approved (Baldwin moved/BruMar – seconded), unanimously.

New Business

- A motion to amend the agenda to add the new resolution, Older Americans Month. (Baldwin moved/Staubly seconded)
- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the 19th of June 2025 as Juneteenth Day (Ginoba moved/Baldwin second). The resolution passed 8/0, 1 absent.
- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the month of May 2025 as Older Americans Month (Baldwin moved/Ginoba second). The resolution passed 8/0, 1 absent.

- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the month of June 2025 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) and More Pride Month (Staubly moved/BruMar second). The resolution passed 7/1, 1 absent.
- Allen West, Agency Superintendent, Adult Detention Center, made a presentation for the commission.

Committee Reports

Unity in the Community

- UITC is actively preparing for the upcoming International Day of Peace celebration.
- Voice and Unity in the Community have expressed interest in collaborating.

Jail Board

- Nothing to Report. The next Jail Board meeting will be held on May 21, 2025.

Racial Social Justice Committee

- The next RSJC meeting will be held in June 2025.

Director's Report

- The Human Rights office has an inventory of 24 open cases.
- On April 23rd, the HRO held a Webinar focused on fair housing. 54 people registered and 28 people participated. The webinar featured:
 - Barksdale Haggins from Fairfax County Government, who provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act.
 - Mahalia “Mally” Dryden-Mason from Loudoun County presented case studies and examples of housing discrimination.
 - Joan Duckett, Director of Prince William County Housing and Development, provided resources for assistance and support.
- On May 20, 2025, Director Torres will participate in the Fairfax County Housing Summit.
- The Spring Newsletter will be distributed in the coming weeks.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

William Johnston — Nothing to report.

Victor Ginoba – Nothing to report

Benjamin Baldwin – Nothing to report.

Padreus Pratter – Nothing to report.

Victoria Staubly – Commissioner Staubly attended the Student Leadership Council graduation and thought it was a great event. Commissioner Staubly would also like to thank the staff for organizing such a wonderful event. Additionally, she attended the Fair Housing Webinar, which was very informative. And finally, she received the Ordinance training that Director Torres provided.

The Equality Prince William Pride Festival will take place on May 17th from 12 PM to 4 PM at the Harris Pavilion in Manassas, VA.

Kimberly Sparkes – The Juneteenth committee is seeking a speaker for their event, which will be held on June 19th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Evelyn BruMar— Commissioner BruMar attended the Student Leadership Council graduation and had a wonderful time.

She would also like to remind everyone about the Prince William Equality Pride event on May 17th.

Casa BruMar Foundation is working in partnership with Prince William Health Centers, PrinceWilliam County Government, and Sentara and UVA Hospitals to establish the first LGBTQ Community Center.

Additionally, Commissioner BruMar completed CIT training with the Police Department.

Curtis Porter – Chair Porter will meet with the Chief of Police and Prince William County Public Schools (PWCPS) to discuss potential collaboration efforts to address hate and bias issues within Prince William County schools.

On June 2nd, Chair Porter will participate in a Town Hall with a committee exploring the establishment of a multi-jurisdiction Human Rights Commission.

Additionally, he attended the well-executed Fair Housing webinar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

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

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	1	2	
Housing			
Public Accommodation			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			25