



Raul Torres
Executive Director

June 13, 2024,

Minutes of May 9, 2024
Human Rights Commission
J McCoart Building – Board Chambers

AMENDED MINUTES

Chair

Curtis O. Porter

Vice Chair

Evelyn BruMar

Parliamentarian

Ramunda Young

Members

William Johnston

Dr. Erika Laos

Padreus D. Pratter

Aaron Muz

Benjamin Baldwin

Victor L. Ginoba, Jr.

Present: Commissioners Benjamin Baldwin, Victor Ginoba, William, Johnston, Aaron Muz, Vice Chair Evelyn BruMar, Chairman Curtis Porter, Director, Raul Torres, and Assistant Director, Shelia Venning.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Citizens Time

- There were two citizens present at the meeting.

Old Business

- The minutes of the March 14, 2024, meeting was approved (Baldwin moved/Ginoba - second)

New Business

- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the month of June of 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) and more Pride Month (BruMar moved/Muz second) Resolution passed 5/1, 3 absent.
- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the 19th of June 2024 as Juneteenth Day (Baldwin moved/Ginoba second) Resolution passed 6/0, 3 absent.

Committee Reports

Unity in the Community

- Unity in the Community issued a press statement against antisemitism and other incidents of hate occurring in the county.

Jail Board

- The next Jail Board meeting will be held on May 15, 2024.

Racial Social Justice Committee

- The RSJC is scheduled to meet during the month of June.

Director's Report

- Outreach & Education Coordinator, Kimberly Sparkes has resigned from the Human Rights Office. The office has started recruitment for her position.
- The Human Rights office met with the Fair Housing Consultant to review the housing testing results. No systemic issues of discrimination were found during this round of testing. A copy of the results will be distributed in the coming weeks.
- Maria Burgos, Director of Equity and Inclusion, will be the guest speaker at our June meeting.
- On June 26, 2024, the commission in collaboration with the Muslim Association of Virginia will hold a community dialogue on issues and concerns within the Muslim Community.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Aaron Muz – Nothing to report.

Benjamin Baldwin – Acts of Anti-Semitism have been reported in the Coles district.

William Johnston – Nothing to report.

Victor Ginoba – 70th anniversary of the passage of Brown v. Board of Education. Also, on May 18th there will be a 5k Mental Health Awareness walk from 10 -2pm.

Evelyn BruMar – Casa BruMar opened the doors of the first LGBTQ+ office in Northern Virginia.

Curtis Porter – June 17th PWC will hold a Juneteenth event, and I will be one of the guest speakers at this event.

The Human Rights Commission plans to request a meeting with the PWC Police Department and Dr. Atkins, Equity and Inclusion Officer, PWCPS to discuss ongoing acts of antisemitism.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.14 pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR MAY 2024**

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	4	5	
Housing			
Public Accommodation			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			24