



Raul Torres  
Executive Director

November 14, 2024,

Minutes of September 12, 2024  
Human Rights Commission  
Jame J McCoart Building – Powells Creek A&B

**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, Ramunda Young, William Johnston, Padreus Pratter, Victor Ginoba, Vice Chair Evelyn BruMar, Chairman Curtis Porter, Director, Raul Torres, and Administrative Specialist, Tiffany Jones.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

**Citizens Time**

- There were no citizens present at the meeting.

**Old Business**

- The minutes of the July 11, 2024, meeting was approved (Baldwin moved/BruMar - second)

**New Business**

- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the months of September 15 to October 15, 2024, as Hispanic Heritage Month (Ginoba moved/Baldwin second) Resolution passed 5/0, 4 absent.
- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize October 2024 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (Baldwin moved/Ginoba second) Resolution passed 5/0, 4 absent.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Unity in the Community**

- On September 22, Unity in the Community, will host a Blanket Exercise in coordination with United Tribes of the Shenandoah and the American Indian Society, at First AME Church of Manassas. The program will be held from 3pm to 5pm.
- Following the exercise, there will be a discussion about the experience.

### **Jail Board**

- Jail Board meeting was held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The jail capacity is 871 single-bunked and 1320 double-bunked. The population of inmates in the jail for May was 524 and 535 for June. The jail is operating within capacity.
- There were no cases of COVID-19 reported for May and June.

### **Racial Social Justice Committee**

- The next RSJC meeting will be held on September 19, 2024.
- Chair Chris Fredericks and Commissioner Porter are working on answering questions from the BOCS.

### **Student Leadership Council**

- The Student Leadership Council is currently recruiting for Cohort 9. To date, there are 4 ambassadors and 11 students who have applied.
- The application period will close on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Orientation is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at the McCoart Building.

### **Director's Report**

- Director Torres asked the Commission to dismiss the following three cases.
  - 570-2024-0014 (Motion: Johnston/Young seconded)
  - 202309-PWHRO-038-PA (Motion: Johnston/Ginoba seconded)
  - 202309-PWHRO-037-PA (Motion: Johnston/Ginoba seconded)
- The HRO is in the process of interviewing for the vacant Outreach and Education Coordinator position.

## COMMISSIONER'S TIME

**Victor Ginoba**– Nothing to report.

**Padreus Pratter** – Commissioner Pratter has been reappointed.

**William Johnston** – Nothing to Report.

**Benjamin Baldwin** – Nothing to Report

**Ramunda Young** – Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated from September 15 to October 15, 2024. On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Mahogany Books will host Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson for a book reading.

**Evelyn BruMar** – CASA BruMar will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LGBTQI+ Symposium, on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the George Mason University – Science and Technology Campus in Manassas. The guest speakers will be Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger and Senator Danica Roem.

**Curtis Porter** – on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Metz Middle School in Manassas will host the 2024 Virginia Congressional Districts 7 & 10 Forum.

**No meeting in August**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8.45 pm.**

### **ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

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

	<b>Case Closures</b>	<b>Cases Opened</b>	<b>Inventory</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Housing</b>			
<b>Public Accommodation</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Credit</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>27</b>

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

	<b>Case Closures</b>	<b>Cases Opened</b>	<b>Inventory</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Housing</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>Public Accommodation</b>		<b>1</b>	
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