



Raul Torres
Executive Director

January 9, 2025

Minutes of December 19, 2024
Human Rights Commission
Jame J McCoart Building – Occoquan Room

MINUTES

Chair

Curtis O. Porter

Vice Chair

Evelyn BruMar

Parliamentarian

Ramunda Young

Members

William Johnston

Kimberly Sparkes

Padreus D. Pratter

Aaron Muz

Benjamin Baldwin

Victor L. Ginoba, Jr.

Present: Commissioners: Benjamin Baldwin, Padreus Pratter, Victor Ginoba, Kimberly Sparkes, Ramunda Young, Chair Porter, Director, Raul Torres, and Assistant Director, Shelia Venning.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Citizens Time

- One citizen was present. The citizen spoke on the need for cued English translators in PWCS.

Old Business

- The minutes of the December 19, 2024, meeting was approved (Baldwin moved/Pratter – second) Unanimously.

New Business

- Universal Human Rights Day Program (UHRD)
- Commissioner Young reported the committee's recommendations for the UHRD awards. The winners are:
 - Tate Jordan
 - The H.O.P.E Project
 - Veteran Growing America
 - Edu-Futuro
 - Virginia Women and Family Support Center
 - The Coalition for Action

- A motion was approved to accept the committee's nominations of the 2024 UHRD winners (Baldwin moved/Ginoba – second). Unanimously.
- The guest speaker at the UHRD program will be Victor M. Glasberg, Esq. of Victor M. Glasberg & Associates.
- A motion to notify nominees that they have been nominated and considered for a UHRD award (Motion failed - 3 nays/3 ayes)
- Chair Porter reminded the commissioners of FOIA requirements when sending email correspondence.

Committee Reports

Unity in the Community

- Nothing to report.

Jail Board

- The Jail Board meeting was held on November 20, 2024. The next meeting will be held in January 2025.
- The jail capacity is 871 single-bunked and 1320 double-bunked. The population of inmates in the jail for September was 550. The detention center is operating under capacity at 63%.
- The detention center has 405 authorized positions; currently there are 64 vacancies.
- The county will do a compensation and classification study for all public safety, including jail personnel and Sheriff. to determine if they are adequately compensated based on the market.

Racial Social Justice Committee

- RSJC meeting was held on December 19th. The addendum to the report, which was completed in 2021, was sent to the BOCS for review.
- The next meeting will be held in March 2025.

Student Leadership Council

- The latest session of Cohort 9 was held on November 21, 2024, at the Kelly Leadership Center. This session was conducted by the PWCPS. The guest speaker was Qunicy Crecelius Click, DEI Coordinator.
- The topic of her discussion was Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Framework.
- The session was well attended.
- The next session will be held on January 13, 2025.

Director's Report

- The Human Rights office introduced Issi Gomez as the new Outreach and Education Coordinator of the HRC.
- Director Torres discussed the office's FY24 accomplishments.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Benjamin Baldwin – Happy holidays and is looking forward to 2025.

Padreus Pratter – Happy holidays.

Kimberly Sparkes – Happy holidays and looking forward to Universal Human Rights Day.

Victor Ginoba– Merry Christmas

Ramunda Young – Happy Holidays, recommended doing a Press Release on the actual Universal Human Rights Day, which is December 10th.

Curtis Porter – Suggest we start issuing a press release in the coming year, recognizing the official Universal Human Rights Day; There has been an increase in the number of hate incidents in the Western end of the county. Chair Porter suggests we hold a joint meeting with the Police and Prince William County Public Schools. The Commission would like to revisit conversations of expansions to the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Chair Porter will be retiring on December 31st after 30 years of employment with the Federal Government.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

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

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	2		
Housing			
Public Accommodation			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			24