



Raul Torres  
Executive Director

February 13, 2025

Minutes of January 9, 2025  
Human Rights Commission  
Jame 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

Aaron Muz

Benjamin Baldwin

Victor L. Ginoba, Jr.

**Present:** Commissioners: Benjamin Baldwin, Padreus Pratter, Victor Ginoba, Kimberly Sparkes, Ramunda Young, William Johnston, Aaron Muz, Vice Chair, Evelyn BruMar Chair Porter, Director, Raul Torres, Assistant Director, Shelia Venning and Administrative Specialist, Tiffany Jones.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

**Citizens Time**

- One citizen was present.

**Old Business**

- The minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting was approved (Baldwin moved/Johnson – second) Unanimously.

**New Business**

- Universal Human Rights Day Program (UHRD)
- All Commissioners were asked to arrive by 9:30 am for the program.
- Lite refreshments will be served.
- The lineup for winners will go as follows:
  - Tate Jordan – K. Sparkes
  - The H.O.P.E Project – R. Young
  - Veteran Growing America – B. Baldwin
  - Edu-Futuro – E. BruMar
  - Virginia Women and Family Support Center – V. Ginoba

- The Coalition for Action – P. Pratter
- The guest speaker at the UHRD program will be Victor M. Glasberg, Esq. of Victor M. Glasberg & Associates.
- Resolution to Declare, Affirm, and Recognize the month of February of 2025 as Black History Month (Baldwin moved/Ginoba second) Resolution passed 9/0.
- The Commission elected officers for CY2025.
  - The officers are as follows:
    - Curtis Porter, Chairman
    - Evelyn BruMar, Vice Chairwoman
    - Ramunda Young, Parliamentarian

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Unity in the Community**

- United in the Community is committed to the following activities for FY2025:
  - Prayer for Peace
  - Quarterly Engagement Series
  - Providing support to The Human Rights Commission

#### **Jail Board**

- The next Jail Board meeting will be held on January 15, 2025.

#### **Racial Social Justice Committee**

- Nothing to Report. The next RSJC meeting will be held in March.

#### **Student Leadership Council**

- The next SLC session will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025. This session will focus on Fair Housing.
- The guest speaker will be Mahalia “Mally” Dryden-Mason.
- The February session of the SLC will be a Guided Discussion with Dr. McDade answering questions from students. This session will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6 pm, at the Kelly Leadership Center.
- The March session will be the presentations of the Essays to the Commission.
- The graduation will be held on April 3, 2025, at 6 pm in the Ferlazzo Building Auditorium.

**Director's Report**

- The office is awaiting notification regarding their FY26 budget request.
- The Acting DXO for Government Operations, which includes the Human Rights office, is the Chief Financial Officer, Michelle Attreed.

**COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

**William Johnson** – Happy New Year.

**Victor Ginoba** – Rest in Peace Jimmy Carter and Happy MLK Day.

**Benjamin Baldwin** – Happy New Year; He is looking forward to the Universal Human Rights Day program.

**Padreus Pratter** – Happy New Year; He is looking forward to the Universal Human Rights Day program.

**Aaron Muz** – He is looking forward to the Universal Human Rights Day program.

**Kimberly Sparkes** –She is Looking forward to participating in the Universal Human Rights Day program; Chair Jefferson will be hosting “A State of the County Address” on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.; The Black History Committee will be celebrating “African Americans and Labor” at the Hilton Performing Arts Center.

**Ramunda Young** – Happy New Year and Happy Black History Month.

**Evelyn BruMar** – Casa BruMar provided statistics on the LGBTQ+ community in the county.

**Curtis Porter** – On December 31<sup>st</sup>, Chair Porter retired after 30 years of Federal Service. The Chair would like to schedule a forum to discuss the hate crimes incidents accruing in the county.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

**ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

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

	<b>Case Closures</b>	<b>Cases Opened</b>	<b>Inventory</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Housing</b>			
<b>Public Accommodation</b>			
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Credit</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>29</b>