VIRGINA HIGHLANDS LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES September 10, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denton Staley Elvera McLees Joann Johns Beverly Derian

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Fendig, Vice Chair Willie McFarlane

RECUSED:

Rachel Jones

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, serving as Technical Advisor Marcia Richardson, Administrative Assistant, serving as Administrative Support Amanda J. Currin, Assistant Director, Administrative S.D., Individual Michael R. Gray, Senior Staff Attorney, Virginia Office for Protection & Advocacy Karen Taylor, DBHDS Special Counsel, Office of the Attorney General (attending by teleconference) Various Witnesses as called by the parties to the Appeal

Elvera McLees, Designated Chairperson, called to order a special meeting of the Virginia Highlands LHRC for the purpose of conducting a Hearing pursuant to 12VAC35-115-180. She determined that both parties and their representatives were present, had received adequate Notice of the Hearing and that each was prepared to proceed. After reviewing the right to a closed hearing, Dr. McLees ascertained the individual wanted the hearing to be open.

At the conclusion of the presentation of the evidence, closing statements and the Committee's explanation of the time frame for issuing a Decision, the proceeding was concluded. The LHRC scheduled to conduct their deliberation on September 16, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Elvera McLees, Ph.D., Designated Chairperson