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State Human Rights Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2025

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Convene

3:00 p.m.

SHRC Members

Present Physically

SHRC Members

Attending

Virtually

Will Childers, **Chair**, Betty Crance, **Vice Chair**, Christopher Olivo, Renee Valdez, John Shepherd, Bruce Ellsworth

SHRC Members

Absent

Kimberly Hunt

Staff Attending

Virtually

Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
Delisa Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant, OHR
Lashanique Green, Human Rights Advocate, OHR
Brandon Charles, Sr. Human Right Manager, Facility Operations, OHR
Rachel Cornett, Social Worker, Eastern State Hospital (ESH), DBHDS
Jennifer Young-Cott, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, ESH, DBHDS

Others

Attending

Virtually

Michael Sizemore, Advocacy Manager, SAARA of Virginia
Sharlene Chapman, Owner, Inclusive Living Solutions, LLC
QG

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Call to Order	At 3:06, Will Childers, SHRC Chair, called the July 15, 2025, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions took place
Approval of Agenda	At 3:10, the committee considered the agenda. Taneika Goldman informed the committee that they will not hear the appeal of Northern VA Hospital LHRC in the matter of GM v. Dominion Hospital.
Appeal:	At 3:17, the SHRC facilitated the appeal of Consent and AR Appointment from Williamsburg Regional LHRC in the matter of QG vs Eastern State Hospital (ESH). In agreement with the preference of the Individual, the committee decided to review the appeal in open session.
Public Comment:	At 3:44, Taneika Goldman announced the public comment period. There was no public comment
Close Deliberation:	At 3:45, upon a motion by Betty Crance, and Bruce Ellsworth 2 nd , the committee convened in closed session pursuant to VA CODE § 2.2-3711 (A) (4) and (16), for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, and discussion of their medical records. At 4:00, upon a motion by Betty Crance and Christopher Olivo 2 nd , the SHRC returned to open session. Upon reconvening in open session each member certified that, to the best of their knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters related to the stated reason for going into closed session were heard, discussed, or considered. Betty Crance motioned to uphold the findings of the Williamsburg Regional LHRC in the matter of QG vs ESH with recommendations. Renee Valdez 2 nd . Motion passed. Written findings will be provided to QG and ESH within 20 working days.
Adjournment	At 4:10, the July 15, 2025, SHRC Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting
August 14, 2025
Region 5 – Virginia Beach