

Southeastern Virginia Training Center
Local Human Rights Committee
2100 Stepping Stone Square
Chesapeake Virginia 23320
7/17/2019 at 9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Dinsmore, Chair
Matthew Albright, Vice Chair
Melvinia Herbert
Marilyn Nendza

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandy Montez-Gerhardt

OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Latoya Wilborne – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Reginald Daye – Regional Advocate, DBHDS

OTHERS PRESENT

Kelly Garcia-Smith – Holiday House of Portsmouth, Support Coordinator
T. Michele Humphries – Wall Residence, Regional Coordinator of Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck and Hampton Roads
Nicole Durose – The Disability Law Center

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dinsmore, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance made introductions to include their name and title.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The July 17, 2019 agenda was motioned to be accepted by Mr. Albright, seconded by Mrs. Herbert, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the April 17, 2019 minutes were motioned to be accepted by Mrs. Herbert, seconded by Mrs. Nendza, and unanimously approved by the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGIONAL ADVOCATE ANNOUNCEMENT/ ADVOCATE REPORT:

Mrs. Latoya Wilborne and Mr. Daye and made the announcements:

- Discussed the decision to collapse two LHRC's committees (Suffolk Regional and Virginia Beach Area).
- Advised that some members of those LHRCs may join the committee as an alternate.

- Discussed an upcoming Training for the LHRC on the Hearing Process; the Do's and the Don'ts and the Advocates Role.
- Provided members with a copy of the Southeastern Virginia Training Center LHRC By-laws
 - Encouraged each member to review and offer any comments to be submitted to the SHRC for consideration as the SHRC prepares to make revisions
- Advised the members of a recent SHRC decision not allowing members to serve on multiple LHRC's
- Mrs. Wilborne provided training on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
 - Discussed the purpose of FOIA
 - Reviewed the order in which the LHRC goes in and out of close session
 - Discussed the reason and process for selecting a next friend

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Variance Update

- Holiday House of Portsmouth- Kelly Garcia-Smith
 - Visitation Variance
 - Active upon Admission
 - No complaints or violations for the 2nd quarter
 - No changes made to the variance

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Albright, seconded by Mrs. Herbert and unanimously approved by the committee members at 9:25am that the SEVTC LHRC will go into closed session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 (A), for the purpose of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of, reviewing a restrictive plan involving an individual of Wall Residence, Inc.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee reconvene in open session at 9:40 am by unanimous vote on a motion by Mr. Albright and seconded by Mrs. Herbert. Each member certified that, to the best of each of their knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from the statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely for the purposes of reviewing a restrictive plan involving an individual of Wall Residence, Inc.

NEXT MEETING

October 17, 2019 – 9:00 a.m., at the Southeastern Virginia Training Center – 2100 Steppingstone Square; Chesapeake, VA 23320

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made to ADJOURN the meeting by Mrs. Herbert, seconded by Mrs. Nendza at 10:15 a.m. with the unanimous approval of the committee members.