



**Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2026
City Space, 100 5th Street NE, Charlottesville, VA 22902
6:00 pm**

1. WELCOME

- a. CALL TO ORDER
 - i. Chair, Heather Roberson Gaston, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm
- b. ROLL CALL
 - i. Present
 - 1. Heather Roberson Gaston, Chair
 - 2. Elizabeth Stark, Vice Chair
 - 3. Dawn Lawson
 - 4. Emily Currier
 - 5. Jessica Cocciolone
 - 6. Suzanne Lynn
 - ii. Absent
 - 1. Callum McCain von Schill
 - 2. Mariane Asad Doyle
- c. MISSION (recited by all): *Act as a strong advocate to justice and equal opportunity by providing citywide leadership and guidance in the area of civil rights.*

2. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

- a. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - i. None.
- b. COMMISSION RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC
 - i. None.

3. MINUTES

- a. Review of minutes from June 18, 2026.
 - i. Vote
 - 1. In favor: 6
 - 2. Opposed: 0
 - 3. Abstained: 0
 - ii. Motion to approve minutes passed.

4. BUSINESS MATTERS

- a. CHAIR UPDATE
- b. OHR STAFF REPORT

5. WORK SESSION

- a. Panelist Discussion
 - i. Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC) – Catherin Cone
 - ii. 10th and Page Neighborhood Association – James Bryant, Zyahna Bryant
 - iii. Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless (BRACH) – Shayla

Washington

iv. Sin Barreras – Javier Raudales

b. Work Plan check-in

i. Tabled.

c. New Business

i. Tabled.

d. Next work session on August 6, 2026

i. Not scheduled.

6. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

a. PUBLIC COMMENT

i. Mary Carey

ii. Deborah Booker

b. COMMISSION RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

8. NEXT STEPS

9. ADJOURN

a. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm