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State Human Rights Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2026

9:00AM

Carilion Children's Hospital - Tanglewood

Region 3

4348 Electric Rd

Roanoke, VA 24018

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Convene

9:00 a.m.

SHRC Members Will Childers, **Chair**, Betty Crance, **Vice Chair**, John Shepherd, Kimberly Hunt, Bruce Ellsworth,
Present Physically Betsy Lang, Renee Valdez

SHRC Members
Attending Virtually Christopher Olivo

**SHRC Members
Absent**

Staff Present	Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
Physically	Delisa Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of Human Rights (OHR)
	Mary Clair O'Hara, Associate Director for Quality and Compliance, OHR
	Alonzo Riggins, Training & Development Coord, OHR
	Mykala Sauls, Human Rights Advocate, Facility Ops
	Hollie Carlisle, Human Rights Advocate, Region 3

Staff Attending Virtually	Brandon Charles, Sr. Human Rights Manager, Facility Operations Cassie Purtlebaugh, Regional Human Rights Manager, Region 1 Tony Davis, Human Rights Advocate, Facility Ops Sanita Rhodes, Director of Compliance and Quality Management, VCBR, DBHDS Andrea Milhouse, Regional Human Rights Manager, Region 4
Others Attending in Person	Karen Taylor, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for the SHRC Virginia Pharis, FANS Unit Manager, dLCV Emily Schabacker, Health Reporter, Cardinal News Lisa Dishner, Sr. Director, Carilion Mental Health Erika Trinkle, Unit Director, Carilion Mental Health Mary Childers, Member of the Public Patti Childers, Member of the Public Julia & Luke Mullen, Member of the Public
Others Attending Virtually	Sarah Shires, Chief Services Officer, Key Living Options
Call to Order	At 9:03, Will Childers, SHRC Chair, called the June 25, 2026, SHRC meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. A call for introductions was made.
Approval of Agenda	At 9:06, the committee considered the agenda. Renee Valdez motioned for approval. Bruce Ellsworth 2nd. The agenda was approved as final, unanimously.
Review of Draft Minutes	At 9:07, the committee considered the draft minutes from the May 21, 2026, meeting. Renee Valdez stated that a spelling correction needs to be made on page 4 under the Officer Nominating Subcommittee. Bruce Ellsworth motioned for approval. John Shepherd 2nd. The draft minutes were approved with the aforementioned changes, unanimously.
Welcome and Overview:	At 9:08, Lisa Dishner and Erika Trinkle welcomed and thanked the committee for allowing Carilion Pediatric Hospital - Tanglewood to host the meeting. Carilion is a six-hospital system with several services offered. Those services included but are not limited to; inpatient and psychiatric units for adult and child and adolescents; two psychiatric hospitals; ambulatory services, which include internal medicine; faith and loss support; and a consult liaison service, which helps medical patients who are experiencing psychiatric crisis. In the last 12months, the mental health team has assisted 85,000 individuals across their service line.

Notifications: At 9:14, Taneika Goldman informed the committee of several notifications: Commissioner's Response: SHRC Findings 26-07, 26-08, 26-09 (5/29/26), Notice of Violation for Late Response (6/2/26), VCBR Exemption (5/18/26) and Email Follow up: VCBR Discharge Barriers and Recidivism Presentation (5/21/26). Betsy Lang motioned to accept the notifications as written. Renee Valdez 2nd. Motion passed.

At 9:18, the committee watched the new "Life of a Human Rights Compliant" video that can be accessed from the Office of Human Rights webpage and YouTube.

BREAK At 9:26, Will Childers called for a brief break.

Public Comment: At 9:35, Will Childers announced the public comment period. There was no public comment.

Tour Debrief: At 9:36, the committee discussed the tour of Key Living Options held on June 24, 2026. They spoke about the history of the organization that was provided to them by Owner, Cathy Key. They expressed the passion of the staff, given the challenges faced while working with individuals with intellectual disabilities.

GTL Request Process Delays: At 9:50, Taneika Goldman informed the committee that the Max Appeals Subcommittee received another substantiated complaint about delayed responses to requests for medical care that are submitted by residents electronically through GTL. In their findings, the subcommittee requested a written plan of correction and prior to receiving the plan, they received notice of another substantiated complaint. They invited Jason Wilson, Facility Director, at VCBR to attend the June meeting to discuss the plan and he sent Sanita Rhodes. After hearing Sanita Rhodes's presentation, the SHRC decided they needed more information and asked that Jason Wilson return in August. They asked for data and information for the past year about the number of GTL requests received by department, the time it takes to respond and resolve the requests, barriers and actions they have taken and intend to take to address the problems.

BREAK At 10:09, Will Childers called for a brief break.

Membership Term Acknowledgement At 10:12, Taneika Goldman facilitated the segue for the designated time to acknowledge the terms of service of Will Childers, current SHRC Chair, who will be rotating off the committee. Committee members, family and friends and OHR staff showed great gratitude for character and service to the SHRC.

- Presentation:** At 11:08, Alonzo Riggins presented an overview of the Dignity of Risk training he conducts for providers. Committee members participated in some of the hands-on elements of the training.
- Facility Overview:** At 12:40, Mykala Sauls presented the advocate's report on human rights complaints, the use of restraint and other noted human rights activities involving Catawba Hospital for May 2025 – May 2026.
- SHRC Bylaws:** At 1:10, the committee discussed amending the SHRC Bylaws to mirror the Extension Request Subcommittee process that calls for a response time of two business days versus 48 hours. Betsy Lang motioned to amend the SHRC Bylaw with the given update. Betty Crance 2nd. Motion passed
- LHRC Liaison Reporting:** At 1:10, the SHRC considered LHRC liaison reporting.
- LHRC Business:** Brandon Charles, Sr. Human Rights Manager, Facility Ops, presented the Staunton Area LHRC appointment recommendation. Taneika Goldman presented the Roanoke-Catawba and VA Highlands LHRC appointment recommendations. Betty Crance, Vice Chair, called for a motion to approve the appointments of Staunton Area, Roanoke-Catawba and VA Highlands LHRC. Renee Valdez 2nd. Will Childers abstained. Motion passed.
- Taneika Goldman presented the Metropolitan, Southeastern Alliance and Health Planning Region 5 LHRC reappointment and appointment recommendations. Bruce Ellsworth made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointment for LHRC memberships. Betty Crance 2nd. Motion passed.

Facility

Staunton Area LHRC

Will Childers – Appt

Region 3

Roanoke-Catawba LHRC

Will Childers – Appt

Lauren Shaw – Appt

VA Highlands LHRC

Will Childers – Appt

David Boehm – Appt

Jeff West – Appt

Region 4

Metropolitan LHRC

Sharae Henderson – Reappt

Region 5

Southeastern Alliance LHRC

Amy Bryne – Appt

Jamila Down – Appt

July Special Called Meeting:	1:22, Taneika Goldman informed the committee of a request for a Final Determination by the SHRC in the matter of DW v RBHA. On 7/9/2026 at 3p, the committee will meet virtually to hear the audio exhibits submitted and on 7/16/2026 at 3:30p, the committee will meet in-person in Richmond to facilitate the review.
Subcommittees:	At 1:31, the SHRC considered reports from the subcommittees.
Max Appeal Subcommittee	The Max Appeal Subcommittee had nothing to report. John Shepherd and Renee were appointed to this subcommittee for FY27.
Officer Nominating Subcommittee	The Officer Nominating Subcommittee had nothing to report.
Membership Subcommittee	Will Childers informed the committee that the SHRC interview will take place during the August meeting. Taneika Goldman will reach out to the candidate. John Shepherd and Renee Valdez submitted their applications for reappointment. Betty Crance motioned to approve the reappointments. Bruce Ellsworth 2 nd . Motion passed.
SHRC Appeals Procedures Workgroup	Betty Crance and John Shepherd informed the committee of the work they've done alongside OHR Staff, Brandon Charles and Cassie Purtlebaugh. A job aid was created for the Extension Request Subcommittee to be used to determine when an extension request should be submitted and approved. Bruce Ellsworth, Kimberly Hunt and Betty Crance were appointed to this subcommittee for FY27.
Community of Practice Re: HRR for Children &	The Community of Practice Re: HRR for Children & Youth Subcommittee had nothing to report.

Youth
Subcommittee

Policy
Subcommittee

The Policy Subcommittee had nothing to report.

Other:

Taneika Goldman confirmed with John Shepherd and Renee Valdez, as the FY27 Chair and Vice Chair respectively if they wanted to continue the practice of meeting with her prior to scheduled meetings to preview the SHRC agendas.

Adjournment

At 1:45, the June 25, 2026, SHRC Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting
August 13, 2026
Region 5