



VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON YOUTH

Meeting Minutes

Commission Meeting

August 21, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

General Assembly Building, Senate Committee Room A

Attending:

Senators: Barbara Favola (Chair), Dave Marsden, and David Suetterlein;

Delegates: Carrie Coyner (Vice-chair),

Citizen Members: Mackenzie Babichenko and Rita Jones

Not Attending:

Delegates: Josh Cole, Karrie Delaney, Holly Seibold, Irene Shin, and Anne Ferrell Tata

Citizen Member: Jessica Jones-Healey

Staff Attending:

Amy Atkinson, Will Egen

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Senator Barbara A. Favola, Chair

Senator Barbara Favola welcomed the Commission members and the public to the meeting. Commission members introduced themselves.

Senator Favola noted that because the Commission did not have a quorum, that action on the review and approval of the Commission's remote meeting policy would be put off till the next meeting.

II. Review of Virginia's Special Education Dispute Resolution System – Study Update

Amy M. Atkinson, Executive Director

Senator Favola introduced Amy Atkinson. Ms. Atkinson gave an update on the Review of Virginia's Special Education Dispute Resolution System study. Her review focused on the listening sessions and next steps for the study. Specifically, Ms. Atkinson discussed the 4 in-person and 1 virtual listening session the Commission conducted in June in partnership with the Parent Education Advocacy Training Center (PEATC). She reviewed themes from

the comments received. At these listening sessions Commission and PEATC staff heard from parents, students, school officials, teachers, and advocates.

This presentation can be accessed on the Commission's webpage under the meetings tab.

III. The Use and Impact of Relief of Custody on Care and Support of Youth – Study Update

Will Egen, Senior Policy Analyst

Senator Favola introduced Will Egen to give an update on this study. Mr. Egen discussed the relief of custody process found in the *Code of Virginia*. Further, he discussed statistics and use of relief of custody by region and gave an update on the previously held regional roundtables. Mr. Egen explained that there will be two upcoming roundtables and an Advisory Group meeting on this topic.

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V. Adjourn

Senator Dave Marsden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.