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## Grants Committee

### Minutes

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5:30 pm

Virginia General Assembly Building 201 North 9<sup>th</sup> St., Richmond, VA 23219 - Subcommittee Room 600-B

Video link:

<https://youtu.be/mNwCfjxFdu0>

1. Call to order, establish quorum Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair

Dr. Sarah Thomason (virtual), chair of the OAA Grants Committee, called this meeting to order. The following Grants Committee members were in attendance: vice-chair Dr. James Thompson, Senator Todd Pillion, Ms. Sharon Buckman, Mr. Jim Holland, and Delegate Briana Sewell. We have a quorum. Anthony McDowell, Charlie Lintecum, James Schliessmann, and Cara Moisan are present from the OAA.

2. Approval of December 6, 2024, minutes Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair

A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the December 6, 2024, minutes.

3. New Business Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair

- a. Request from the Department of Education (DOE) to carry forward unspent funding from the agency's 2023-24 award into the 2024-2025 performance period, and to reduce the agency's 2024-25 funding by an equal amount.
- b. Request from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to amend the scope of services within the agency's 2024-2025 performance period for the Kinship Navigator program.
  - a) DOE was previously approved for a renewal of \$520,250 with no carryforward. This amendment modifies the renewal to \$144,752 and \$375,498 for carryforward.
  - b) The amendment to the scope moves away from mini-grants to local DSS agencies to issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a contractor to conduct a statewide community landscape assessment. The assessment will provide a comprehensive evaluation of kinship care needs and resources across Virginia, as well as align the program with the Washington state model to ensure the long-term sustainability of statewide navigator services.

A motion was made to approve the amendments to existing state agency awards as recommended by staff, seconded, and voted unanimously.

7. Adjourn Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair  
Meeting adjourned at 5:34PM.