SOUTHEAST ALLIANCE LHRC
Draft Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
10:00am
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Human Rights Advocate Contact: Brandon Murrer, Latoya Wilborne

Members Present:
Amy Byrne Member
Jodi Diaz – Member
Wanda Scarbough – Member
Lavar Reynolds -Co- Chair
Takara Alston – Member
Charmaine Claiborne - Chair

Members Absent:
None

Others Present
Latoya Wilborne – Office of Human Rights
Corie Reed – Office of Human Rights
Brandon Murrer - Office of Human Rights
Tanieka Goldman – Director, Office of Human Rights

Call to Order:
Mrs. Amy Byrne called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Roll Call/Attendance:
Those in attendance made introductions. Chair welcomed attendees.

Bylaws Discussion
Director Goldman discussed changes and updates to Bylaws to align them with the SHRC Bylaws.

Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Charmaine Claiborne and seconded by Amy Byrne. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion to approve the 8/19/2026 minutes was made by Wanda Scarbough and seconded by Amy Byrne. Motion carried.

Public Comments
Director Goldman thanked each member for their time and dedication to the LHRC. She acknowledged the time that it takes to serve and expressed her appreciation for each member.

Chairperson Announcements (if any)
None

Regional Advocate Report

Human Rights Regional Manager Latoya Wilborne made the announcements:

FY2026

Q3 Advocate Comments

Abuse and Neglect Allegations	
April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026	**July 1 , 2026 – September 30, 2026**
Total Reports: 614 (decrease of 21 reports)	**Total Reports: 676 (increase of 62 reports)**
Substantiated: 94	**Substantiated: 41**
Complaints	
April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026	**July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026**
Total Reports: 167 (increase of 35 reports)	**Total Reports: 108 (decrease of 59 reports)**
Substantiated: 11	**Substantiated: 20**

Variances

Region 5 continues to have 10 **Pending Variances**:
12VAC35-115-50 (7) Communication via telephone: 3
12VAC35-115-50 (8) Visitation: 4
12VAC35-115-100 Restriction on Everyday Freedom: 1
12VAC35-115-100 (A)(1) and (110) Time Out: 1
12VAC35-115-100 (A)(1)(g) Use of Vending Machines: 1

Updates

The Office of Human Rights had their 2026 All Staff Meeting in Roanoke Virginia. Our entire team was able to come together and welcome new staff members from both the facility and community. We have received refresher training on CHRIS, new process and ensure consistency throughout the office.

We have two members joining the Southeast Alliance LHRC. They were appointed on October 22, 2026 by the State Human Rights Committee.

The Office of Human Rights continues to offer training via TRAIN. This program streamline access to recorded, live virtual, and live in-person training facilitated by the Office of Human Rights. Upon creation of an account, training participants are able to self-manage registration, attendance, and completion of post training assessments. Additionally, TRAIN will maintain a list of the account holders' courses completed or in progress, as well as any certificates associated with completed courses.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates:
Tuesday February 16, 2027 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday May 18, 2027 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday August 17, 2027 @ 10:00 am
Tuesday November 16, 2027 @ 10:00 am

Motion to approve the proposed 2027 meeting dates was made by Charmaine Claiborne and seconded by Amy Byrne. Motion carried.

Closed Session:

None

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 16, 2027 at Riverside Mental Health and Recovery Center (2244 Executive Drive, Hampton Va 23666) at 10:00 am. Hearing no business, Charmaine Claiborne adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.