Virginia Disability Commission

Delegate Amy J. Laufer, Chair
Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
House Room C-206, General Assembly Building

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https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/262

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Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Presentation: Connecting Virginia's Students with Disabilities and Their Families: An Online Resource Hub — *Donna Bonessi, Director, Employment Services and Special Programs, Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and Judy Averill, Director, Center on Transition Innovations, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, Virginia Commonwealth University*

III. Presentation: VAIEP: The Virginia Individualized Education Program — *Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Dr. Samantha Hollins, Associate Superintendent, Department of Education*

IV. Presentation: Medicaid Works — *Sara Cariano, Director of Eligibility Policy and Outreach, Department of Medical Assistance Services*

V. Presentation: Eligibility for Disability Services: Report on Public Institution Processes, Barriers, and Recommendations — *Emily Salmon, Assistant Director of Strategic Planning and Policy Studies, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*

VI. Discussion of Constitutional Amendment HJ 2 (Bennett-Parker, 2025)

VII. Member Discussion

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Votes on Recommendations from the 2024 Study Year

X. Adjournment

Purpose of the Virginia Disability Commission:

"The purpose of the Commission is to identify and recommend legislative priorities and policies for adoption or examination by the General Assembly in order to provide ongoing support in developing and reviewing services and funding related to Virginians with physical and sensory disabilities." Code of Virginia § 30-232.

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