Virginia Disability Commission

Delegate Amy J. Laufer, Chair
Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
House Room B-205, General Assembly Building

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

Livestream:
https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/house/committees/commstream.html

Registration for Public Comment:
https://hodspeak.house.virginia.gov/submit_testimony?meeting_id=19330

Please note that participants who wish to provide public comment must register before noon on September 4.

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Presentation: HB 2501 (Rasoul, 2025) - "Blue Envelope Program" — *Department of Motor Vehicles*

III. Presentation: Transition Coordination for People in Nursing Facilities and Accessing Medicaid Environmental Modification Services — *Maureen Hollowell, Advocacy Coordinator, Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living*

IV. Presentation: SB 1038 (Pekarsky, 2025) - Telehealth Training, *Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services*

V. Presentation: Building Disability Informed Justice: Advancing Autism and Developmental Disability Policy Reform in Virginia — *Brian Kelmar, President, Decriminalize Developmental Disabilities*

VI. Presentation: Crisis Services in Virginia's Community Services Boards System — *Jennifer Faison, Executive Director, Virginia Association of Community Services Boards*

VII. Presentation: Transition for Students with Disabilities: Postsecondary Education — *Sarah Beth Dreis, GEAR Up Virginia Regional Manager, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*

VIII. Presentation: ABLEnow: Overview and Updates from Virginia's ABLE Program — *Alisa Ferguson, ABLEnow Director, Commonwealth Savers*

IX. Member Discussion

X. Public Comment

XI. 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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