

Behavioral Health Commission- Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 - 12:00 p.m.

Chesterfield Recovery Academy

13900 Hull Street, Midlothian VA 23112

Members Present

Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Senator Lashrecse Aird

Senator Barbara Favola

Delegate Marcia Price, Vice Chair

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Adele McClure

Delegate Vivian Watts

Delegate Rodney Willett (virtual)

Members Absent

Senator Tara Durant

Senator Russet Perry

Delegate Ellen McLaughlin

Delegate Wren Williams

Call to order and opening remarks- Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Roll call- Agnes Dymora

Justin Savoy and Taylor Ingram provided an overview of the Chesterfield Recovery Academy, including the goals of the program, who is eligible to attend, and how students are referred. They shared information about funding sources and major cost drivers, including transportation and census. They touched on curriculum and student activities, and discussed the clinical and support services available to students. Lastly, they discussed the future goals of the school with respect to expansion and program recognition, and answered members' questions.

Executive Director Nathalie Molliet-Ribet provided an overview of the FOIA policy requirements for virtual meeting participation and discussed how the current BHC policy differs from statute. BHC members unanimously voted to retain the policy without changes. Nathalie also provided an update on the status of BHC-sponsored bills and budget amendments following the 2026 session, and shared statistics on the BHC recommendations that have been implemented since the Commission was formed in 2022.

Michael Tweedy from the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee provided an update on the biennial budget for health and human resources programs and agencies, focusing on behavioral health services, and answered members' questions.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Commission meeting will be on September 8, 2026.

Delegate Willett participated virtually due to a medical matter.