



Virginia Minority Business Commission

Executive Summary of 2025 Interim Activity

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Pursuant to the powers and duties authorized under § 30-444 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Minority Business Commission (the Commission) held one meeting during the 2025 interim with Chair Senator Williams Graves presiding. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [Commission's webpage](#). The Commission's meeting occurred on December 3, 2025.

Commission Members

Senator Angelia Williams Graves, Chair	Tiffany Boyle
Delegate Michael Feggans, Vice-Chair	Dr. Byron Cherry
Senator T. Travis Hackworth	Dr. Trina Coleman
Senator Lamont Bagby	Steven Hammond
Delegate Luke E. Torian	Kimberly Jackson
Delegate Barry D. Knight	Alfreda Reynolds
Delegate Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler	

December 3, 2025 Meeting

The Commission met in Richmond for its interim meeting. The meeting began with introductions by the members of the Commission and welcomes by Senator Angelia Williams Graves and Delegate Michael Feggans.¹ Following introductions, the Commission adopted a virtual meeting policy and the 2024 Executive Summary. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [Commission's website](#).

2026 Work Plan Discussion

Delegate Feggans led the discussion on a work plan for the Commission during the 2026 interim. The work plan listed the following priorities:

- Data-driven accountability
- Strengthening minority business partnerships
- Expanding statewide outreach
- Identifying policy changes to support minority-owned business growth.

Dr. Cherry stated that he wants the Commission to actually make changes and be a resource for citizens and minority business owners. Senator Williams Graves stated that the Commission is limited by funding and staffing. Dr. Coleman suggested that the Commission could create a framework for use in localities.

¹ **Members Present:** Senator Angelia Williams Graves (chair), Delegate Michael Feggans (vice-chair), Senator Lamont Bagby, Tiffany Boyle, Dr. Byron Cherry, Dr. Trina Coleman, Steven Hammond, Kimberly Jackson, and Alfreda Reynolds.

Presentation: Minority Chamber Update

Patricia Bracknell, Founder and CEO, The Chamber for Hispanic Progress

Patricia Bracknell with the Chamber for Hispanic Progress gave an overview of the work that the Chamber does in Hampton Roads. Ms. Bracknell shared that the Chamber assists in enhancing relationships and expanding development for Latino businesses by providing training, financial resources, and advocacy. Ms. Bracknell's slideshow can be accessed [here](#).

For more information, see the [Commission's website](#) or contact the Division of Legislative Services:

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