



Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

May 7, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Senate Room A– General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate Mark Downey

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Cliff Hayes

Delegate Cia Price

Delegate Atoosa Reaser

Delegate Kathy Tran

Delegate Howard Wachsmann

Delegate Rodney Willett (virtual)

Senator R. Creigh Deeds

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Christopher Head (virtual)

Senator L. Louise Lucas (virtual)

Senator Todd Pillion (virtual)

Senator Stella Pekarsky

Senator David Suetterlein

Members Absent

Senator Mamie Locke

Delegate Wren Williams

Staff Present

Sarah Stanton

Jen Piver - Renna

Khadeejat Lawal

Mayesha Alam

Agnes Dymora

Call to order and welcoming comments – Senator Favola

Member introductions

Members discussed nominations for new Chair and Vice Chair and voted to appoint Senator Favola as Chair and Delegate Hope as Vice Chair.

Executive Director Sarah Stanton provided an overview of the JCHC's mission and gave an update on the 2026 workplan. She also summarized the JCHC electronic meetings policy and members voted to readopt the policy.

Deputy Director Jen Piver-Renna gave an overview of the outcome of JCHC bills and budget amendments that were introduced during the 2026 Session. She also mentioned other relevant legislation aimed at improving health care that was enacted during session.

Deputy Commissioner of Facility Services at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Angela Harvell, provided an update on the closure plan for the Hiram Davis Medical Center. She spoke about plans for transitioning patients to new facilities and plans for retaining and stabilizing staff. Ms. Harvell answered members'

questions throughout her presentation. Members decided to have a site visit to the facility before the next meeting with opportunities to hear public comments from families of the residents currently at Hiram Davis.

Sarah concluded the meeting by providing members with the 2026 meeting dates.

Meeting adjourned.

The following members participated virtually due to personal matters: Senator Head; Senator Lucas; Senator Pillion; and Delegate Willett.