

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS
MINUTES
November 20, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Del Pepper Community Center – Room 1301**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mohammad Naqshbandi, Rachael Jacobson, Mitchell Kent, Margaret Nabors, Christian Rodriquez, Shelbert Williams, Carl Welliver (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicole Hutchinson

AHD STAFF: Nechelle Terrell

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Carl Welliver.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Two new members introduced themselves to the commission. Sam Schwartz, the Human Rights Commission representative, has served on this commission twice in previous years. Rachael Jacobson is the Alexandria City Public Schools representative with a background in Ryan White programming.

III. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER MINUTES

The minutes of the October meeting were deferred until the next meeting.

IV. RECOGNITION OF CHIEF DEPUTY SHELBERT WILLIAMS

The commission recognized Shelbert Williams for more than 13 years serving as the Alexandria Office of Sherrif representative. Shelbert will be retiring as of January 31, 2024. Carl thanked him for his time and contributions while Nechelle commented about his dedication and passion to HIV/AIDS education. She noted his participation and support of the Annual National Black HIV/AIDS Day Symposiums, World AIDS Day commemorations and "Hoops in Virginia" with the Northern Virginia Clergy Council for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS. He was presented a framed certificate for his years of service.

Shelbert thanked the commission and expressed his continued interest in HIV/AIDS awareness and education and hopes to continue to be of assistance to the commission as well as AHD.

V. WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

ACOHHA will co-sponsor the World AIDS Day Exhibition and Commemoration to be held on Friday, December 1 at Del Pepper Community Center, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be a proclamation reading by Mayor Justin Wilson at 4 p.m. and HIV testing will be provided by Neighborhood Community Services. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

VI. COMMISSION UPDATES

Commission meeting dates were reviewed and discussed. There will be no meeting in December. The January meeting will be the 22nd due to Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on the regular meeting date. The committee will host a retreat on Saturday, February 3, 2024, to be held at Del Pepper Community Resources Center, 10 a.m. - noon. Meeting will resume on regular meeting days for the months of March through May, with no meeting scheduled for June.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to allow for a celebration in honor of Shelbert.