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Opening Comments	<p>Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens extended a word of welcome, on behalf of the Henrietta Lacks Commission, to newly appointed, Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price. Dr. Simon-Owens provided the meeting participants an overview of Delegate Price’s background, accomplishments and beliefs, followed by an invitation to speak.</p> <p>Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price expressed her excitement pertaining to the work of the Henrietta Lacks Commission as well as her anticipation of the future work of the commission.</p>	
Introductions	Henrietta Lacks Commission Members and Virginia Department of Health representatives introduced themselves, respectively, to newly appointed Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price.	
Old Business:	Review of Meeting Minutes	
Review of Meeting Minutes	Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens requested a motion for approval of the draft minutes from the May 5 2023, meeting. It was properly moved by Dr. Betty Adams, seconded by Mrs. Kristy Johnson, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2023 meeting.	<p>The motion to approve the March 5, 2023, minutes passed unanimously.</p> <p>VDH will post final minutes to Commonwealth Calendar and the VDH Commissioner’s Meetings Calendar within three days of the August 30, 2023, meeting.</p>
New Business	<p>Henrietta Lacks Commission Updates</p> <p>Process to move forward</p> <p>Commissioner’s Comments & Updates</p> <p>Nominating Committee Report & Election of Officers</p>	
Process to move forward	<p>Dr. Simon-Owens provided an encouraging reminder of the extended sunset date of July 1, 2026. Dr. Simon-Owens expressed happiness, on behalf of the commission, to be allowed the time to continue to move forward within the Henrietta Lacks Commission’s current body of work. Dr. Simon-Owens opened the floor to Vice Chair, Mrs. Kristy Johnson, to provide an overview of the Code of Virginia- Chapter 22.1 The Public Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002.</p> <p>Mrs. Kristy Johnson provided an overview of: Code of Virginia- Chapter 22.1. The Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002.</p> <p>§ 56-575.3:1. Adoption of guidelines by responsible public entities.</p>	

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	<p>§ 56-575.4. Approval of qualifying projects by the responsible public entity. § 56-575.9. Comprehensive agreement.</p> <p>Dr. Simon-Owens opened the floor to the Henrietta Lacks Commission members for questions or comments regarding the overview.</p> <p>In response, Dr. Betty Adams reminded the board of the potential partnership opportunity with Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital (SHRH).</p> <p>Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price offered commentary regarding legislative input. Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price indicated a distinction between legislative members who are members of the Division of Legislative Services and those who aren’t. Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price reminded the Henrietta Lacks Commission that in current discussions of moving forward; while considering the Code of Virginia- Chapter 22.1. The Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002, the Henrietta Lacks Commission must not get too far ahead, in order to stay within the current legal scope.</p> <p>Ms. Sandra Serna and Ms. Kristy Johnson provided Delegate Price with background information related to the range of support from the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Economic Development to the Henrietta Lacks Commission.</p> <p>Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price reiterated the need to move forward within the current rules until a legislative change occurs. Delegate Price provided ways that the Henrietta Lacks Commission could come together to create a proposal to broaden the current scope.</p> <p>After hearing suggestions from Augustine Doe and Mr. William Claiborne, Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens opened the floor for comments on creating a committee to craft the proposal.</p> <p>Dr. Betty Adams and Mrs. Kristy Johnson voiced a preferences for a committee to be formed.</p> <p><i>Dr. Simon-Owens expressed her concerns with developing a committee to accomplish the necessary steps in the development of a work plan that will procure a timeline, as well as bulleted requests to broaden the scope of the commission, as an initial draft before November 13.</i></p>	

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	<p>Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens assigned the development of the work plan to the Virginia Department of Health and Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price as a collaborative effort. Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens opened the floor for any additional Henrietta Lacks Commission Updates.</p> <p>Mrs. Kristy Johnson updated the Henrietta Lacks Commission on ongoing efforts to work with VEDP to vet any potential partnerships.</p> <p>Dr. Betty Adams informed the Henrietta Lacks Commission of the fundraising efforts between the Henrietta Lacks Hometown Initiative and the Henrietta Lacks Family in erecting a life-size Statue in Constitution Square, located in Downtown South Boston.</p> <p>Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens opened the floor for any further questions, comments or insight.</p> <p>No further discussion occurred.</p>	<p>VDH will work with Delegate Marcia “Cia” Price to develop a bulleted list of requests on behalf of the Henrietta Lacks Commission.</p>
<p>Election of Officers & Election Committee Appointments</p>	<p>Dr. Simon-Owens opened the floor to Mrs. Danyell Duncan, member of the Nominating Committee, to initiate the election of Officers.</p> <p>The nomination process was initiated by Mrs. Danyell Duncan and carried out by Mr. William Claiborne, Nominating Committee Chair.</p> <p>Mr. William Claiborne moved that the nomination close with the slate of officers, being Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens and Mrs. Kristy Johnson remaining Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. The motion was unanimously voted.</p>	<p>Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens and Mrs. Kristy Johnson were elected to remain as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively.</p>
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Lori Haas inquired about the Henrietta Lacks Commission’s ability to serve in an advisory capacity to Sentara versus a partnership.</p>	
<p>Commissioner’s Comments</p>	<p>Henrietta Lacks Commission Leadership expressed their excitement for the future and appreciation of the time, engagement, and consideration provided by the Henrietta Lacks Commission members.</p>	

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Next Meeting Date	The Commission, based on availability, proposed an in-person meeting for Thursday, November 16, 2023.	VDH will send calendar holds for all upcoming meetings and will register the meetings as public meetings. VDH and Commission Leadership will identify November 2023 meeting agenda.
Adjournment	All Commissioners, guests and VDH staff were provided the opportunity to make a comment prior to the meeting adjournment. The Chair, Dr. Nettie Simon-Owens, thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting. She requested a motion for an adjournment of the Henrietta Lacks Commission Meeting at 11:24 AM EST. It was properly moved by Mrs. Kristy Johnson, seconded by Dr. Betty Adams, and unanimously approved to adjourn.	Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.