**Virginia Disability Commission**

**Senator Barbara Favola, Chair**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Senate Committee Room A, Pocahontas Building**

**Commission Website:**

https://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/262

**Livestream and Registration for Public Testimony Available at:**

https://virginia-senate.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\_id=3

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Presentation of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study ― *Jennifer DeBruhl, Director, Department of Rail and Public Transportation*
3. Presentation of Report in Response to Commission Member Inquiries Relating to Recommendations for Changing Medicaid Programs to Remove Barriers to Independence ― *Kelly Pauley, Eligibility and Enrollment Manager*, *Department of Medical Assistance Services*
4. Presentation of Proposed Legislation to Remove "Handicap" and "Handicapped" from the Code of Virginia ― *Ryan Brimmer, Senior Attorney, Division of Legislative Services*
5. Public Comment
6. Member Discussion
7. Adjournment

*Purpose of the Virginia Disability Commission:*

*"The purpose of the Commission is to identify and recommend legislative priorities and policies for adoption or examination by the General Assembly in order to provide ongoing support in developing and reviewing services and funding related to Virginians with physical and sensory disabilities." Code of Virginia § 30-232.*

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