

# **Virginia Queer Coalition | Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2026

## **1. Call to Order**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Presided over by Amber B., Chair, Transgender Education Association
- c. Minutes recorded by Candice T., Vice Chair, Loudoun Pride Foundation

## **2. Roll Call**

### **a. Members**

- Transgender Education Association
- Loudoun Pride Foundation
- Alexandrians Committed to Equality
- Casa BruMar Foundation
- Defenders of Public Education PWC
- Equality Loudoun
- Equality Prince William
- Fauquier Pride
- Folx United Now
- He She Ze and We
- Metro DC DSA Bodily Autonomy Working Group
- PFLAG Ashburn/Loudoun County
- SURJ NoVa

### **b. Other Attendees:**

- i. Equality Virginia | Reed W.

## **3. Business**

### **a. Reminders**

- i. Membership Reminder: [Use this Link](#)
- ii. Meeting updates - Restructuring: The organization is working on diverging the missions of community and advocacy.

### **b. Action Items**

- i. Vote on new members. Passed unanimously.
  1. NOVA Community Action Team
  2. Equality NOVA

### **c. Announcements**

- i. **Equality Arlington** - Arlington Trans Youth Quilt Unveiling and Reception, Wednesday April 8th 6pm-7:45pm, Arlington Central

Library, 1015 N Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201, Barbara M. Donnellan Auditorium

ii. **Equality Virginia**

1. June Marriage Equality Campaign, emails and information for national, state, and local briefings expected at the end of April. Looking for storytellers with direct experience impacted by marriage equality. Link: [bit.ly/VAMarriageStories](http://bit.ly/VAMarriageStories)
2. Sovereign Immunity Waiver effort underway, relating to the VHRA.
3. Social Press Kit - Helping to amplify and share information statewide. Link: <https://socialpresskit.com/equality-virginia>
4. Following up on the Special Session on April 23.
5. Prepping for the 2027 Legislative Agenda, planned to start in July.
6. Virginia Department of Education - Collecting comments, potential to raise awareness on the VDEO Trans Model Policies. The deadline is April 10. Link: <http://bit.ly/VDOEOnlineSurvey>
7. Two Know Your Rights Guides coming out in July that helps local advocates learn and teach about identification documents and health care rights.

iii. **SURJ NOVA** - Letter writing to detained individuals, specifically transgender individuals looking for connection. Looking for more people to participate, especially trans individuals. Share only with trusted groups, for now.

iv. **Equality Prince William** - Equality Prince William is thrilled to announce Equality Prince William Pride 2026 (5th Annual Pride), set for Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the iconic Harris Pavilion (9201 Center St., Manassas, VA). Join us from 12 PM to 4 PM for a vibrant, inclusive, and family-friendly celebration of LGBTQIA+ pride, diversity, and community. Link: <https://www.equalityprincewilliam.org/equality-prince-william-pride-2026/>

v. **Loudoun Pride Foundation** - The 2026 Loudoun Pride Festival is planned for June 6, 2026, 12-6 pm, at Ida Lee Park. Link: [www.loudounpride.org](http://www.loudounpride.org)

d. **Working Session**

4. **Adjournment:**

- i. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.