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### Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee

November 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

General Assembly Building, Senate Room A, Room 305

<http://brownscholarship.virginia.gov>

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The 1BBrown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee (the Committee) met in Richmond with Senator Angelia Williams Graves, chair, presiding.<sup>1</sup> The meeting began with introductions and opening remarks followed by presentations and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [Committee's meetings webpage](#).

#### Updates on the Brown v. Board 2024–2025 Scholarship Program

*Lily Jones, Legislative Projects Manager, Division of Legislative Services*

The meeting began with Ms. Jones providing an overview of the progress of the 2024–2025 scholarship application cycle, including number of applications and recipients. This was the first cycle that the Committee extended eligibility to descendants of individuals impacted by the 1954–1964 school closures in Virginia.

#### 2025–2026 Policy Amendments

The Committee then moved to discuss potential policy amendments for the 2025–2026 scholarship application cycle. The Committee previously discussed limiting scholarship funds to a maximum of \$5000 per semester for descendants. The Committee questioned what happens with allocated scholarship funds when a recipient does not use such funds in totality. Mr. Scott Kemp, Student Loan Advocate, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, explained that scholarship funds may only be used for tuition, fees, and books. Mr. Kemp also stated that the funds allocated should not exceed the recipient's funding needs. Any funds not used for a fall or spring semester can be used for the summer semester.

Senator Ghazala F. Hashmi recommended considering satisfactory academic progress when evaluating applicants. Delegate Jackie Hope Glass suggested that the Committee consider rising costs in tuition when allocating funding; Senator Williams Graves agreed and proposed a reevaluation of funding amounts every third year. The Committee then discussed the possibility extending scholarship eligibility to Virginia students attending out-of-state schools, which would require amending the legislation.

The Committee agreed to take a vote on each proposed policy change at the next meeting. Senator Williams Graves advised the Committee to assess amending the legislation to include Virginia students attending out-of-state schools during the 2027 Regular Session.

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<sup>1</sup> **Members Present:** Senator Angelia Williams Graves (chair), Delegate Candi Mundon King (vice-chair), Senator Ghazala F. Hashmi, Delegate Jackie Hope Glass, Delegate Chris Runion, Delegate Anne Ferrell H. Tata, Dr. Barbara L. Inman, Geneda Kearney

**Members Absent:** Joan Johns Cobbs, Cameron Patterson, Paris Turner

## Public Comment & Next Meeting

Committee members received public comment from the parent of an applicant who urged the Committee to consider allowing applicants interested in attending out-of-state institutions.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for December 2, 2024.

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For more information, see the [\*Committee's website\*](#) or contact the Division of Legislative Services staff:

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