



Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee

July 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

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The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee (the Committee) met virtually with Senator Angelia Williams Graves, chair, presiding.¹ The meeting began with introductions and opening remarks. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [*Committee's meetings webpage*](#).

Electronic Meeting Policy

Pursuant to § 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia, a public body must annually adopt a participation policy before using remote participation or conducting all-virtual public meetings. The Committee unanimously voted to readopt its electronic meeting policy.

Scholarship Program and Fund Update

Lauren Waller, Program Administrator, Division of Legislative Services

Scott Kemp, Student Loan Advocate, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Ms. Waller provided the Committee with a brief overview of the status of the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program. During the 2025–2026 academic year, the Committee approved 45 students to receive the scholarship under the expanded criteria.

Mr. Kemp updated the Committee regarding the amount of funding allocated for the 2025–2026 academic year, noting that \$339,566 in scholarships were awarded to the approved recipients.

Executive Session

The Committee voted to convene an executive session pursuant to subdivision A 36 of § 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia to discuss and consider matters pertaining to the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program excluded from public discussion under this section. At the conclusion of the executive session, the Committee voted to return to open session.

2026–2027 Academic Year Scholarships

The Committee directed staff to notify all eligible applicants, both directly affected individuals and lineal or collateral descendants, of the Committee's approval of their scholarships for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Next Meeting

Senator Williams Graves directed staff to poll members for the next meeting.

¹ **Members Present:** Senator Angelia Williams Graves (chair), Delegate Anne Ferrell H. Tata, Joan Johns Cobbs, Geneda Kearney, Cameron Patterson, Paris Turner

Members Absent: Delegate Jackie Hope Glass, Delegate Chris Runion

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

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