



Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission

Tribute to Yvonne Miller Work Group

June 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

General Assembly Building, House North Subcommittee Room 200

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The Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission (the Work Group) of the Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission (the Commission) met in Richmond with Senator Mamie E. Locke, chair, presiding.¹ The meeting began with introductions and opening remarks followed by a tour of the Capitol building and discussion. Materials presented at the meeting are accessible through the [Commission's meetings webpage](#).

Discussion: Recommendations to the Commission

The Work Group discussed offering a recommendation to the Commission to place the portrait in tribute to honor Senator Yvonne Miller in the lower rotunda area on the first floor of the Capitol building. Members noted that the space offers both high traffic and visibility. Given Senator Miller's positions in both the House of Delegates and Senate, members expressed that it would be fitting to place the portrait between both chambers. A photo of the space will be taken to show members of the Commission the proposed portrait space.

Members of the Work Group also discussed the procedure for selecting an artist for the portrait. Both the House of Delegates and Senate have a process for commissioning portrait artists that will be reviewed with the Commission.

Senator Locke noted that the family of Senator Miller has sent a photo to be used as a reference for the portrait, which will be shown to members of the Commission. The Work Group determined that will members look at recommendations for a portrait in terms of the photo requirements, and then convey these requirements to the family of Senator Miller.

¹ **Members Present:** Senator Mamie E. Locke (chair), Delegate Dolores L. McQuinn, Senator Stella G. Pekarsky, Delegate Betsy B. Carr, Delegate Virgil Gene Thornton Sr., Dr. Karen Turner Ward

Members Absent: Louise Lockett Gordon, Kirk T. Schroder, J.D., Ph.D., Michelle Ellis Young

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