

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**APPROVED 02/15/2023**

REGULAR MEETING..... January 18, 2023, 12:00 PM

LOCATION.....6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING.....Vernie Francis, Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:   The Honorable Vernie Francis, Chairman  
                                  Cleopatra Booker, PsyD, Secretary  
                                  Anita Maybach, M.D.  
                                  Michael Carrera  
                                  Tiffany Jenkins  
                                  Amanda Trent  
                                  Roland Sherrod, CPA  
                                  Christopher Strom

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:   The Honorable Charles Jett

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:        Ryan C. McCord

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:       Ashley Gordon, Executive Secretary  
                                  Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor  
                                  Paul Beaupre, Regulatory Compliance Inspector  
                                  Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator  
                                  John Rock, Jail Death Investigator  
                                  Gerald Olson, Architect  
                                  Colleen Maxwell, Policy Analyst

GUESTS PRESENT:            Jake Petzold, Office of the Governor  
                                  The Honorable Ken Stolle, Sheriff, Virginia Beach  
                                  Undersheriff Brian Struzzieri, Virginia Beach  
                                  Captain C. Mapes, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office  
                                  Colonel Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail  
                                  Tyler Lane, Reporter, WTVR 6News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

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**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairman Francis determined there was a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER BOARD MINUTES**

By motion of Dr. Booker and a second by Mr. Carrera, the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one present to offer comments.

**PRESENTATIONS**

No Presentations.

**CERTIFICATIONS REPORT**

Tawana Ferguson - Certifications Report Presentation

1. Mr. Carrera offered the following in the form of a motion:

Unconditional certification for the following facilities:

- Galax City Lockup
- Blackstone Lockup
- Rappahannock Regional Jail
- Virginia Beach Correctional Center

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Carrera and a second by Mr. Strom, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

2. Virginia Beach Correctional Center Presentation – Sheriff Stolle presented updated information concerning the facility’s recent audit. Based on the information provided, one area of non-compliance was stricken from the audit report.

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**POLICY AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dr. Booker gave the report and offered the following:

The Policy and Regulations Committee reviewed and evaluated the By-Laws of the former Board of Corrections and made numerous revisions. THEREFORE, I MOVE to recommend to the Full Board that the revised By-Laws be adopted as the By-Laws of the State Board of Local and Regional Jails.

Upon a *Motion* by Dr. Booker and a second by Mr. Carrera, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendation.

**LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Mr. Sherrod read the motion below as follows:**

The Jail Review Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Jail Review Committee finds that investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE that the following cases be recommended to the Full Board for closure:

<b>Cases:</b>	
22-0004	21-0028
22-0046	21-0023
21-0056	22-0023
20-0039	22-0001
21-0058	22-0005

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Sherrod and duly seconded, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Ryan McCord provided the following information for the Board:

- a. General Assembly Update – Mr. McCord stated that the jail fee study bill was reintroduced by Senator Morrissey as SB889. He shared that SB797 would add two new members to the Board.
- b. Update on Personnel – Mr. McCord welcomed Ashley Gordon, newly hired Executive Secretary. One inspector vacancy remains with hope that it will be filled by mid-February.
- c. Schedule of 2023 Meetings – Mr. McCord distributed a schedule of Board and Committee meetings for 2023.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS/BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Sheriff Stolle discussed his proposal to establish a sheriff's review committee to assist newly elected sheriffs and provide guidance on jail operations and the duties of a sheriff.

Colonel Smith expanded on the content of SB889 and underscored that bill's intent is to remove fees that pay for programs for inmates.

Ms. Trent also provided comments on the bill and the workgroup.

Sheriff Stolle added that a jail without programs is a dangerous place.

Chairman Francis thanked those who commented.

There being no further business to discuss before the Board of Local and Regional Jails, upon a *Motion* by Ms. Trent and duly seconded, the meeting was *adjourned*.