

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING.....March 15, 2023; 12:00 PM
LOCATION.....6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia
PRESIDING.....Vernie Francis, Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: The Honorable Vernie Francis, Chairman
 The Honorable Charles Jett, Vice Chairman
 Tiffany Jenkins
 Christopher Strom
 Roland Sherrod
 Dr. Anita Maybach
 Amanda Trent
 Michael Carrera

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Cleopatra Booker

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Ryan C. McCord, Executive Director

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Jake Petzold, Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and
 Homeland Security
 Ayesha Osborne
 Keith Lockridge, BRRJA
 Jessica Joyner, BRRJA
 Chris Hayes, Western Virginia Regional Jail
 David Cox, Western Virginia Regional Jail
 Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail
 Lt. Col. Armstrong, Riverside Regional
 Lanay Walker, Piedmont Regional Jail
 Ted Hall, Northern Neck Regional Jail
 Derek Almorode, Rockridge Regional Jail
 Steven Clear, SWRJA
 Eric Young, Middle River Regional Jail
 Tim Doss, Middle Peninsula Regional

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Francis determined there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY BOARD MINUTES

The February 15, 2023 minutes were approved by motion of Mrs. Trent, second by Vice Chairman Jett.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tim Doss shared concerns about information being shared with the Commonwealth Attorney. Also, recommends that there be a joint bi-annual meeting for superintendents with the Board of Local and Regional Jails.

PRESENTATIONS

Board Architect Gerald Olson presented a project proposal for New River Valley Regional Jail for Security Upgrades.

1. Mr. Carrera read the motion as follows:

The Board of Local and Regional Jails APPROVES the New River Valley Regional Jail's request for state funding for the Security Upgrades in their facility. This motion recognizes a total eligible cost of \$1,284,705.80 of which up to 25% or \$321,176.45 would be eligible for State reimbursement in a lump sum payment. Such reimbursement is subject to the availability of funds and compliance with Board Standards for Planning, Design, Construction and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities, 2018, and Sections 53.1-80 through 82 of the Code of Virginia.

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

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JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

A) Case Recommendations:

1. 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:

Cases	
21-0072	21-0043
21-0047	22-0031
22-0047	22-0063
21-0005	21-0030
21-0036	21-0076
21-0054	21-0022
21-0029	21-0064
21-0039	21-0055
21-0003	

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Sherrod and second by Vice Chairman Jett, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendation.

2. Mr. Sherrod as a motion offered the following:

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 the investigation did reveal evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. However, the Jail Review Committee finds that the corrective actions taken by the jail appropriately addresses the substance of the violation such that no further measures are necessary. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE that the following case(s) be recommended to the Full Board for closure:

Cases	
21-0027	21-0019
21-0050	

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Sherrod and second by Vice Chairman Jett, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendation.

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B) Discussion of Reports from Committee to other governmental entities.

None

Additional Items for Discussion/Board Member Comment

None

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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