

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
LIAISON COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2025; 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Superintendent Chris Smith, Vice Chair

PRESENT

Dr. Cleopatra Booker, PsyD, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Captain Charles Carey, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Michael Carrera, Board of Local and Regional Jails
David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tiffany Jenkins, Board of Local and Regional Jails
The Honorable Charles Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Roland B. Sherrod, Jr., Board of Local and Regional Jails
Dr. Amanda Trent, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Lieutenant Joseph Tucker, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jessica Vermont, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Major Roial Eanes, Piedmont Regional Jail
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Sherry Johnson, Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Alison Lautz, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General
Jim Parks, Department of Corrections (DOC)
Major Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield Sheriff's Office
Kevin Roach, DCJS
John Rock, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Smith, Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees.

Motion by Mr. Hackworth to approve minutes of the November 20, 2024, Committee meeting, second by Dr. Trent. Unanimous approval.

POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE (PRC) UPDATE

Dr. Booker reported the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) implementation is progressing and a template will be developed to detail standards and guidance for self-audit compliance. PRC meeting discussion included a suggestion for committee agenda to include Committee member names. She reported the 6VAC15-40-1045 Supervision of Inmates guidance was effective December 19, 2024.

OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Jim Parks reported out of compliance cases: Males-963; Females-145; Total-1108

Superintendent Smith reported the DOC intake staff has been responsive and supportive.

BUSINESS

1. Mr. Flaherty welcomed DCJS representatives Sherry Johnson and Tim Roach and reported the successful and continuing collaboration with DCJS is providing clarity for death reporting. DCJS plans to coordinate a work group to review death reports and translate data into recommendations to reduce deaths in custody, i.e. best practices, training.
2. Mr. Flaherty shared that BLRJ was contacted by a consulting group regarding Medicaid Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (2023). BRLJ facilitated discussion with stakeholders regarding the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) program of enrollment for juveniles. Superintendent Smith reported the Virginia Association of Regional Jails (VARJ) is working with DMAS and the consulting group regarding compliance.
3. Superintendent Smith reported there are several bills of interest in the General Assembly Session, scheduled to adjourn February 22, 2025. Superintendent Smith shared successful collaboration with BLRJ regarding pending legislation.

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Booker, second by Mr. Hackworth. Unanimous approval.