

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

**MINUTES**

**APPROVED MAY 21, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

March 19, 2025; 1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION**

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

**PRESIDING**

The Honorable Charles Jett, Chairman

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker, PsyD  
Captain Charles Carey  
Michael Carrera  
David Hackworth  
Tiffany Jenkins  
Dr. Anita Maybach  
Roland Sherrod, Jr.  
Dr. Amanda Trent  
Lieutenant Joseph Tucker  
Jessica Vermont

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT**

Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor  
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director  
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst  
Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator  
Gerald Olson, Architect  
John Rock, Jail Death Investigator  
Demetrice Tyler-Holiday, Executive Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail  
Tojuanna Mack, Riverside Regional Jail  
Luca Powell, Richmond Times-Dispatch  
Major Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

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Chairman Jett called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairman Jett determined quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mr. Carrera to approve minutes of the January 15, 2025, Board meeting, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE (PRC) REPORT**

Dr. Booker presented the certification, inspections and audit report.

The following was offered by Dr. Booker in the form of a **Motion**, second by Mr. Carrera:

- a. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **RECOMMEND** unconditional certification for the following facilities:
  - a. RSW Regional Jail
  - b. Rockbridge Regional Jail
  - c. Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail
- b. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards and in accordance with Section 16.1-249(G) of the Code of Virginia, I **RECOMMEND** to include certification to hold male and female juveniles for the following facility:
  - a. Rockbridge Regional Jail
- c. **Motion:** I **RECOMMEND** unconditional certification for the following facility:
  - a. Charlotte County Jail

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- d. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **RECOMMEND** suspension of the 2025 life, health and safety inspections for the following facilities:
- a. RSW Regional Jail
  - b. Rockbridge Regional Jail
  - c. Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

Unanimous approval.

**JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE (JRC) REPORT**

Case recommendations

1. Mr. Sherrod read the **Motion** as follows:

The JRC investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The JRC 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 Board for closure:

*Case number 24-0028*

*Case number 24-0044*

*Case number 24-0030*

*Case number 24-0029*

*Case number 24-0032*

*Case number 24-0005*

*Case number 24-0036*

*Case number 24-0018*

*Case number 24-0037*

*Case number 24-0022*

**Motion** by Mr. Sherrod, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.

2. Mr. Sherrod read the **Motion** 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 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 address the substance of the violation such that no further measures are necessary. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** that the following cases be recommended to the Full Board for closure:

*Case number 24-0016*

*Case number 24-0011*

**Motion** by Mr. Sherrod, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Flaherty reviewed legislation passed by the 2025 General Assembly Session with BLRJ impact. The bills are currently pending action by the Governor.

HB 2105 BLRJ to collect facility policies regarding investigations of acts of violence annually, effective January 1, 2026.

HB 2221 BLRJ to work with Department of Corrections (DOC), Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Registrar of Vital Records to report to the General Assembly regarding identification documentation for inmates, due November 1, 2025.

SB 1039 BLRJ to work with DOC to report to the Joint Commission on Healthcare of accommodation for inmate telehealth appointments, due October 1, 2025.

Budget amendment Item 61#1c for BLRJ to work with the Compensation Board to survey the impact of virtual Court hearings on jail operations. Report due June 30, 2026, to the Secretaries of Administration and Public Safety and Homeland Security, House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

SB 770 consolidates the due dates for BLRJ's annual report of death reviews, due annually July 1, 2025.

Mr. Flaherty shared information regarding the 2026 General Assembly Session. Board members with legislative suggestions are to communicate with their respective Committee Chair for consideration.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Gerald Olson advised the Board that the BLRJ approved construction projects are included for funding in the budget currently pending action by the Governor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon a **Motion** by Mr. Hackworth and second by Mr. Carrera the meeting was adjourned.