

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

APPROVED MAY 20, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2026; 9:30 AM

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

David Hackworth, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Charles Carey
Michael Carrera
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
Ryan Moore
Dr. Sarah Scarbrough
Roland Sherrod, Jr.
Chief Joseph Tucker
Jessica Vermont

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Anita Maybach

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
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General
Demetrice Tyler-Holliday, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Colonel Richard Alsbrook, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail
Lieutenant Doug Altizer, Alleghany County Sheriff's Office (ACSO)
Colonel Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Elena Diskin, Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Captain Amanda Fischer, ACSO
Christy Gray, VDH
Rosemary Hicks, Department of Corrections (DOC)
Major Ray Keen, ACSO

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Colonel R. Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Eleazar Luna, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Sheriff Kyle Moore, ACSO
Rojenna Morgan, Head Nurse, ACSO
Jim Parks, DOC
Colonel Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Carrera to approve minutes of the January 7, 2026, Board meeting, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO RECESS

Motion to recess by Mr. Carrera, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene Board meeting by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.

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JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The following was offered by Mr. Sherrod as a **Motion**, second by Mr. Carrera:

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

Case number #25-0005

Case number #25-0051

Case number #25-0031

Case number #26-0004

Case number #25-0036

Case number #26-0011

Case number #25-0047

Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mr. Sherrod as a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Vermont:

Motion: The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The 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 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 closed:

Case number #25-0024

Unanimous approval.

POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Jenkins presented the Certification, Inspections and Audit Report to the Committee.

Motion by Mrs. Jenkins, second by Mr. Carrera:

- a. **Motion**: As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** unconditional certification for the following facilities:
 - i. Northern Neck Regional Jail
 - ii. Page County Jail
 - iii. Western Tidewater Regional Jail

Unanimous approval.

Motion by Mrs. Jenkins, second by Mr. Carrera:

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- b. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I MOVE the suspension of the 2026 annual inspections for the following facilities:
- i. Northern Neck Regional Jail
 - ii. Page County Jail
 - iii. Western Tidewater Regional Jail

Unanimous approval.

Motion by Mrs. Jenkins, second by Mr. Carrera:

- c. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards and in accordance with §16.1-249(G) of the Code of Virginia, I MOVE certification to hold male and female juveniles for the following facility:
- i. Northern Neck Regional Jail

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Gerald Olson, Board Architect

A. Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail Security Electronics Upgrade Project

Motion by Mrs. Jenkins, second by Mr. Carrera:

Motion: The Board **APPROVES** Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail's request for State funding for security upgrades in the facility. This motion recognizes a total eligible cost of \$2,200,000 of which up to 25% or \$550,000 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 §§53.1-80 through 82, Code of Virginia.

Unanimous approval.

B. Pittsylvania County Jail Project Extension

Motion: The Board **APPROVES** Pittsylvania County Jail's request for a one-year extension for the Pittsylvania County Jail project, approved by the Board May 15, 2024, in accordance with 6VAC15-81-410.

Motion by Mr. Carrera, second by Mr. McLaughlin.

Votes in support: Captain Carey, Mr. Carrera, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Moore, Dr. Scarbrough, Mr. Sherrod, Chief Tucker, Mrs. Vermont.

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Mr. Hackworth abstained from this vote.

BYLAWS REVIEW

Mr. Hackworth presented revisions to the BLRJ BYLAWS:

- Article III, §5- clarification of Officer election schedule
- Article III, §7- clarification regarding a potential vacancy of the position of Chair, the Vice Chair to assume responsibilities of the Chair and the Secretary to assume responsibilities of the Vice Chair
- Article 5, §4- Chair may appoint up to 3 additional non-Board members to the Liaison Committee

Motion by Mr. Carrera, second by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve the revised BYLAWS.

Unanimous approval.

BLRJ FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Flaherty reported that BLRJ has expended 77.6% of the FY26 budget.

BLRJ WEBSITE/FACILITY UPDATE

Mr. Flaherty requested the Board's support to update the BLRJ website with links to the individual facilities' public facing websites. The Board indicated support.

RELOCATION OF INMATES

Ms. Ferguson reported:

- Culpeper Jail relocated inmates to Rappahannock Shenandoah Winchester (RSW) Regional Jail while an electrical project is in progress.
- Southampton Jail Farm relocated inmates to the main Southampton Jail while a plumbing project was in progress. The relocated inmates have returned to the Southampton Jail Farm.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Flaherty reported that Paul Beaupre's, Regulatory Compliance Analyst, retirement is now in effect.

Mr. Hackworth announced a Jail Review Committee meeting April 24, 2026, 9:30am.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Carrera, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.