

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

MINUTES

APPROVED MAY 20, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2026; 11:30 AM

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Colonel Chris Smith, Chair

PRESENT

Colonel Richard Alsbrook, Vice Chair, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail
Captain Charles Carey
Michael Carrera
David Hackworth
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
Ryan Moore
Jim Parks, Department of Corrections (DOC)
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, Death Investigator
Gerald Olson, Architect
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General (OAG)
John Rock, Death Investigator
Demetrice Tyler-Holliday, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Colonel Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Elena Diskin, Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Christy Gray, VDH
Rosemary Hicks, DOC
Superintendent R. Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Elena Luna, Northern Neck Regional Jail

CALL TO ORDER

Colonel Smith called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin to approve minutes of the January 7, 2026, Committee meeting, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mr. Parks provided the offender management report:

- 1339 out of compliance inmates
 - 1297 males
 - 42 females

HB2541 (2025) PRESENTATION:

Rosemary Hicks, Content Strategist, DOC Information Technology Unit

Ms. Hicks reviewed the 2025 legislation which requires all digital presence meet accessibility standards. Ms. Hicks and the DOC Digital Experience Team will assist in aligning the BLRJ website with the requirements of the law. The Team intends to develop a knowledgeable database and provide support.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Flaherty reported BLRJ monitored several bills during the 2026 General Assembly Session:

- HB80
- HB81
- HB126
- HB482/HB1421
- HB860
- HB861
- HB964/SB162
- HB1392
- BLRJ's operating budget request is included in the General Assembly's proposed 2026-2028 biennial budget.

The May 20, 2026, Board meeting will be held at the Middle River Regional Jail, 350 Technology Drive, Staunton, VA, 24401.

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORTING

The initial quarterly report is due April 15, 2026.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION COLLABORATION

Mr. Flaherty shared the collaboration with the Virginia Behavioral Health Commission regarding the Commission's ongoing study, "Mental Health Services in Jails."

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Flaherty welcomed VDH representatives Elena Diskin and Christy Gray. Ms. Diskin and Ms. Gray shared materials regarding jail preparedness for potential measles cases.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.