

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

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
Colonel R. Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail

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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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

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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 #25-0031

Case number #25-0036

Case number #25-0047

Case number #25-0051

Case number #26-0004

Case number #26-0011

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.

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AGENDA**

March 18, 2026, 9:30 AM
6900 Atmore Drive, 3rd Floor Main Board Room
Richmond, VA 23225

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Welcome and Introduction of Dr. Scarbrough
4. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes per person)
5. Approval of January 7, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: I **MOVE** approval of January 7, 2026, Board meeting minutes.

6. Motion to Recess

Motion: I **MOVE** the State Board of Local and Regional Jails stand in recess.

7. Call to Order

Motion: I **MOVE** the State Board of Local and Regional Jails reconvene.

8. Determination of Quorum
9. Jail Review Committee Report

A. Motion to Close Cases **With no Violations:**

- i. **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 for closure:

B. Motion to Close Cases **With Violations Properly Addressed:**

- i. **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 revealed evidence indicating that the facility

was out of compliance with Board regulations; however, the Committee further finds that corrective actions taken by the facility appropriately addressed the Committee's concern. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE the following cases for closure:

10. Policy and Regulations Committee Report

A. Certification, Inspections and Audit Report

1. **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
2. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I MOVE suspension of the 2026 annual inspections for the following facilities:
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 - ii. Page County Jail
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3. **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:
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11. Presentation

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12. Bylaws Review

13. BLRJ Financial Report
14. BLRJ Website/Facility Update
15. Relocation of Inmates
16. Additional Items for Discussion
17. Adjournment



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DAVID A. HACKWORTH
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State Board of Local & Regional Jails

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Certification Report of the State Board of Local and Regional Jails March 18, 2026

Jail and Lock-up Compliance Audits

Compliant Facilities - 3

Northern Neck Regional Jail was audited January 12-15, 2026. The facility was found compliant with all 43 *Life, Health and Safety* standards and 82 out of 85 (3 N/A's) other applicable standards. The facility certified to house juveniles and the superintendent is requesting recertification to house male and female juveniles in accordance with §16.1-249(G) – *Code of Virginia*. There were no deficiencies cited during this audit cycle.

Non-applicable Standards

- 6VAC15-40-190, *Conditions for Inmate Participation in Educational or Release or Rehabilitation Release Program*
- 6VAC15-40-831, *Fee for Inmate Keep*
- 6VAC15-40-1111, *Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus*

RECOMMENDATION: Unconditional certification.

Western Tidewater Regional Jail was audited February 17-20, 2026. The facility was found compliant with 41 out of 43 (2 N/A's) applicable *Life, Health and Safety* standards and 80 out of 85 (5 N/A's) other applicable standards. The facility is not certified to house juveniles and the superintendent is not requesting certification. There were no deficiencies cited during this audit cycle.

Non-applicable Standards

- 6VAC15-40-190, *Conditions for Inmate Participation in Education Release or Rehabilitation Release Programs*
- 6VAC15-40-200, *Furloughs*
- 6VAC15-40-1111, *Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus*

- 6VAC15-40-1190, *Housing of Juveniles*
- 6VAC15-40-1193, *Separation of Juveniles*
- 6VAC15-40-1195, *Contact with Juveniles (LHS)*
- 6VAC15-40-1200, *Isolation and Segregation of Juveniles (LHS)*

RECOMMENDATION: Unconditional certification.

Page County Jail was audited February 17-20, 2026. The facility was found compliant with 41 out of 43 (2 N/A's) applicable *Life, Health and Safety* standards and 72 out of 85 (13 N/A's) other applicable standards. The facility is not certified to house juveniles and the sheriff is not requesting certification. There were no deficiencies cited during this audit cycle.

Non-applicable Standards

- 6VAC15-40-160, *Written Procedures for Release Program Eligibility Criteria*
- 6VAC15-40-170, *Written Procedures for Accountability of Inmate Participants*
- 6VAC15-40-180, *Conditions for Inmate Participation in a Work Release Program*
- 6VAC15-40-190, *Conditions for Inmate Participation in Educational Release or Rehabilitation Release Programs*
- 6VAC15-40-200, *Furlough*
- 6VAC15-40-210, *Earnings*
- 6VAC15-40-220, *Removing Inmate Participants from Program*
- 6VAC15-40-230, *Written Agreement with Director (VADOC)*
- 6VAC15-40-240, *Offender Participation in Compliance with Appropriate Criteria (VADOC)*
- 6VAC15-40-831, *Fee for Inmate Keep*
- 6VAC15-40-1111, *Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus*
- 6VAC15-40-1190, *Housing of Juveniles*
- 6VAC15-40-1193, *Separation of Juveniles*
- 6VAC15-40-1195, *Contact with Juveniles*
- 6VAC15-40-1200, *Isolation and Separation of Juveniles*

RECOMMENDATION: Unconditional certification.

Certification Report prepared by:
Tawana M. Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor

***LHS – Life, Health and Safety Standards**

**BYLAWS OF THE STATE BOARD OF
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ARTICLE I

Purpose, Powers, and Duties

The Board of Local and Regional Jails (BLRJ) is established by the Code of Virginia (COV) as a policy board with a broad range of responsibilities. The purpose, powers, and duties of the Board are enumerated in §53.1-5 of the COV. Duties of the Board include, but are not limited to, developing and establishing operational and fiscal standards governing the operation of local correctional facilities and lockups; advising the Governor on matters relating to local corrections; making, adopting and promulgating such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section and other laws of the Commonwealth pertaining to local correctional facilities and lockups; and developing and implementing policies and procedures for the review of the death of any inmate that the Board determines warrants review that occurs in the custody of any local correctional facility or lockup.

ARTICLE II

Membership; Qualifications; Terms

Pursuant to §53.1-2 COV, Board membership consists of 11 residents of the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Members of the Board serve at the pleasure of the Governor for four (4) year terms, and vacancies other than by expiration of a term are filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. Board members may not serve more than two (2) full consecutive four-year terms.

Appointees are:

1. One (1) former sheriff
2. One (1) former superintendent of a regional jail facility
3. Two (2) individuals employed by a public mental health services agency with training in or clinical, managerial, or other relevant experience working with individuals subject to the criminal justice system who have mental illness
4. One (1) individual with experience overseeing a correctional facility's or mental health facility's compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations
5. One (1) physician licensed in the Commonwealth
6. One (1) individual with experience in administering educational or vocational programs in state or local correctional facilities
7. One (1) individual with experience in financial management or performing audit investigations
8. One (1) citizen member who represents community interests
9. Two (2) individuals with experience in conducting criminal, civil, or death investigations

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ARTICLE III

Officers

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5 §1. The Officers of the Board shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

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7 §2. Chair: The Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Board according to
8 parliamentary procedure. The Chair shall appoint members to all committees, task
9 forces, advisory councils, and other like assignments. The Chair shall act as the official
10 spokesperson or representative of the Board and shall perform such additional duties as
11 required. The Chair is an ex-officio member of all committees, to exclude Nominating
12 Committees for Board officers. As an ex-officio member, the Chair has the right, but not
13 the obligation, to participate in the proceedings of the Committees, and is not counted in
14 determining the number required for quorum.

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16 §3. Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall assume all powers and duties of the Chair in the
17 absence of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair
18 or the Board to include, but not be limited to, assignment to the Liaison Committee.

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20 §4. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for co-authorizing the Board
21 minutes with the Chair and performing other duties as assigned by the Chair or the Board.

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23 §5. The Officers shall be elected through a three (3) member Nominating Committee,
24 to be appointed by the Chair at a meeting prior to the election. Elections shall be held
25 every two years upon expiration of the Chair's term of office, or as soon thereafter as a
26 quorum of the Board is present. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one
27 (1) Board member for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, and report the
28 nominees to the full Board for vote. Upon receiving the Nominating Committee's report,
29 Board members in attendance may add nominees to those recommended by the
30 Nominating Committee. The Officers shall be elected by the majority voice or show of
31 hands vote of the Board quorum in attendance. Pursuant to §2.2-3710 et.seq. COV, no
32 public body shall vote by secret or written ballot, and unless expressly provided by Title
33 2.2, Chapter 37 COV, no public body shall vote by telephone or other electronic
34 communication means.

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36 §6. Officers so elected shall serve a term of two (2) years and Officers may succeed
37 themselves consecutively with no term limit. An Officer may resign at any time or may
38 be removed prior to a regularly scheduled election at any Board meeting upon motion by
39 any Board member and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board membership. A successor
40 may thereafter be elected for the remainder of the term using the interim election process
41 as per Article III, §7.

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43 §7. Should it become necessary to hold an interim election due to the illness,
44 resignation, and/or replacement of any Board Officer, and/or expiration of any Board
45 Officer's term of appointment, such election shall be held as soon as possible utilizing the
46 above-stated process. A quorum of the Board must be present to effect the election. In

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1 the interim and until such election is held, the Vice Chair shall assume the responsibilities
2 of the Chair and the Secretary shall assume the responsibilities of the Vice Chair. Should
3 it not be possible for such succession, due to a current Officer being replaced by the
4 Governor, the process shall be that a Board member in good standing shall be selected by
5 the membership to act as temporary Chair and presiding Officer to effect appointment of
6 a Nominating Committee. Once that step has been taken, the Nominating Committee
7 shall complete its assignment as outlined in §5. Upon completion of an interim election,
8 the results are binding until the next election.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

14 §1. Pursuant to §53.1-4 COV the Board shall hold regular meetings at least six (6)
15 times each calendar year. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

17 §2. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair. In the Chair's absence,
18 the Vice Chair or any three (3) members of the Board may call a special meeting. A
19 quorum of the Board is required to conduct a special meeting and special meetings
20 qualify for the requirement of at least six (6) meetings per year.

22 §3. Meaningful participation is essential to the fulfillment of the function of
23 membership. Situations of inappropriate participation or lack of participation shall be
24 referred to the Chair. If a Board member anticipates absence from a meeting, the Board
25 member shall notify the Executive Director of the Board, who shall notify the Chair.

27 §4. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and Robert's Rules
28 of Order, Newly Revised, unless preempted by the COV.

30 §5. Meeting activities shall comply with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
31 requirements. Minutes shall be recorded at all public meetings and voting by secret or
32 written ballot or by electronic communication is not permissible. (§2.2-3710 COV).
33 Closed sessions may be called only for purposes outlined in §2.2-3711 COV.

35 §6. As required by the FOIA and in accordance with guidelines set forth in the
36 Virginia Register of Regulations, notice shall be made to the public of Board meetings.
37 A meeting is defined as including work sessions, when sitting physically, or through
38 electronic communication pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 or §2.2-3708.3 COV, as a body or
39 entity, or as an informal assemblage of (i) as many as three (3) members or (ii) a quorum,
40 if less than three (3) of the constituent membership, wherever held, with or without
41 minutes being taken, whether or not votes are cast, of any public body. In addition,
42 notices for meetings of state public bodies on which there is at least one (1) member
43 appointed by the Governor, shall state if public comment will be received at the meeting
44 and the approximate point during the meeting when public comment shall be received
45 (§2.2-3707.(G.) COV). For special or emergency meetings, notice shall be given to the
46 public concurrently with the notice provided members of the public body conducting the

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1 meeting. Results of such meetings are not official actions of the Board until brought to
2 the membership for vote.

ARTICLE V

Committees

7 §1. Committees of the Board shall be the Policy & Regulations Committee, the Jail
8 Review Committee, and the Liaison Committee.

10 §2. The Policy & Regulations Committee: The Board Chair will designate one (1)
11 member of the Board as Committee Chair of the Policy & Regulations Committee. The
12 Committee Chair will designate one (1) member of the Board as Committee Vice Chair.
13 The quorum for Committee determinations shall be the majority number of Board
14 members in attendance at the Committee meetings.

16 Responsibilities:

- 17 • Provide regulatory recommendations to the Board
- 18 • Propose adoption or revision of Board policies and procedures
- 19 • Review findings of inspections and certification audits; recommend Board
20 action
- 21 • Review findings of appeals submitted for audits and inspections results;
22 present to Board for action

24 §3. The Jail Review Committee: The Board Chair will designate one (1) member of
25 the Board as Committee Chair of the Jail Review Committee. The Committee Chair will
26 designate one (1) member of the Board as Committee Vice Chair. The quorum for
27 Committee determinations shall be the majority number of Board members in attendance
28 at the Committee meetings.

30 Responsibilities:

- 31 • Review in-custody jail deaths
- 32 • Report findings and provide recommendations to the Board
- 33 • Report findings of in-custody jail death reviews, including any
34 recommendations for changes to the Board's standards

36 §4. The Liaison Committee shall serve as a forum for law enforcement and jail
37 officials to communicate and collaborate.

38 Committee membership shall include:

- 39 1. Board Chair
- 40 2. Board Vice Chair
- 41 3. Board Chair may appoint additional Board members
- 42 4. Board Chair may appoint up to three (3) additional non-Board members based
43 upon the Chair's determination and discretion that such members will contribute
44 to the betterment of jails.
- 45 5. Representatives of:
46 The Virginia Department of Corrections

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- 1 The Virginia State Compensation Board
- 2 The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- 3 The Office of the Attorney General
- 4 The Virginia Sheriffs' Association
- 5 The Virginia Association of Regional Jails

6 The Liaison Committee membership shall designate a Committee Chair to preside over
7 meetings. The Committee Chair shall designate a Committee Vice Chair from the
8 Committee membership. The Board representatives shall report Liaison Committee
9 activities to the Board. Representation on the Committee shall be reviewed by the Board
10 Chair as necessary.

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12 §5. Committee assignments shall be annually reviewed by the Board Chair and
13 following election of the Board Chair. There shall be no term limit to committee
14 assignments. The Chair of each committee shall have authority to break any tie in voting.

ARTICLE VI

Board Activities/Representation

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21 §1. The Board or Chair may determine special projects which call for ad hoc
22 committees or task forces. Board representation in these groups shall be determined by
23 the Chair.

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25 §2. If an organization or community group requests BLRJ representation on a
26 committee or task force, the Board Chair, or a designee appointed by the Chair, shall
27 fulfill this role.

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29 §3. Inquiries directed to a Board member by the media or individuals/organizations
30 for the BLRJ position or action shall be referred to the Board Chair, or to a designee
31 appointed by the Chair. Board members shall not have authority to represent the Board
32 to the media or individuals/organizations without explicit direction from the Board Chair.

ARTICLE VII

Bylaws Amendments

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38 §1. These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the Board, provided the
39 proposed amendment(s) were included in notice of the meeting. Any amendment(s)
40 become effective immediately upon Board approval, or on a date specified.

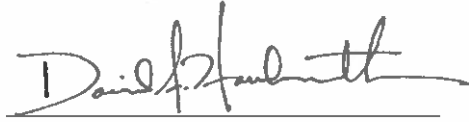
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42 §2. Failure to observe the provisions of these Bylaws by any Board member shall be
43 referred to the Chair.

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45 §3. Failure to observe procedural provisions of these Bylaws does not affect the
46 validity of Board action.

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Approved March 18, 2026.



David A. Hackworth
Board of Local and Regional Jails