

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

**MINUTES
APPROVED JANUARY 7, 2026**

REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 2025; 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Colonel Chris Smith, Vice Chair

PRESENT

Captain Charles Carey
Michael Carrera
David Hackworth
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
Dr. Anita Maybach
Ryan Moore
Roland Sherrod, Jr.
Lieutenant Joseph Tucker
Jessica Vermont

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Paul Beaupre, Regulatory Compliance Analyst
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

Robyn DeSocio, State Compensation Board
Jamie Fanelli, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Lisa Hicks, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail
James Parks, DOC
John Phelps, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office
Captain Lois Thompson, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Committee recognized a moment of silence in honor of DOC fallen officer, Jeremy Lewis Hall.

BLRJ Chair Hackworth referenced BLRJ By-Laws Article V, §4 for Committee membership and clarified that all BLRJ members are assigned membership to the Committee.

Motion by Mr. Hackworth for Colonel Smith to serve as Chair of the Committee, second by Lieutenant Tucker. Unanimous approval. Colonel Smith requested Sheriff Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County, to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee, and Sheriff Taylor agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Vermont to approve minutes of the September 17, 2025, Committee meeting, second by Mr. McLaughlin. Unanimous approval.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mr. Parks provided the offender management report:

- 1331 out of compliance inmates
 - 1291 males
 - 40 females

STATE COMPENSATION BOARD

Ms. DeSocio reported:

- State agencies have submitted budget packages and the Governor's budget will be presented December 17, 2025.
- Board is in the process of inmate forecasting to focus on inmate per diem payments.
- Board will conduct training for newly elected constitutional officers in December.
- The effort to assist jails in identifying veterans through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Re-Entry Search Services (VRSS) is nearing implementation.
- Automated system for management of expungement orders and impact to local inmate data system (LIDS) will be forthcoming.
- The Board is adding staff to facilitate audit services.
- The Board will begin addressing the survey regarding virtual court hearings in the new year, BLRJ provided suggestions for the survey.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Flaherty reported 2025 legislative mandates are on schedule:

- BLRJ will monitor the potential efforts of expanded incentives for healthcare workers in jails by the Joint Commission on Healthcare.
- HB 2221 (Delegate Cousins) Inmate ID Cards/Documentation and HB 2467 (Delegate Henson) BLRJ Overhaul reports remain unpublished.

- HB 2105 (Delegate Pugh Kent) Jail Policies – BLRJ is in receipt of 10 policies to date, due to BLRJ January 1, 2026.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Mr. Olson reported:

Completed projects filed with BLRJ:

- Chesterfield County
- Franklin County
- Montgomery County
- Prince William-Manassas

4 Projects approved by BLRJ in 2025:

- Piedmont Regional
- Prince William-Manassas
- Roanoke County
- Western Tidewater Regional

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Ms. Lautz reported the survey will roll out early 2026 with the initial reporting date of April 15, 2026.

DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Flaherty reported the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Health (VDH) is finalized and in effect.
2. Mr. Flaherty shared that the DOC Benefits Coordinator for inmates inquired of the opportunity to attend the next Committee meeting to share information tools used by DOC to provide benefits to inmates.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.