

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

January 7, 2026, 9:30 AM
6900 Atmore Drive, 3rd Floor Main Board Room
Richmond, VA 23225

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of November 19, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: I **MOVE** approval of November 19, 2025, Board meeting minutes.

5. Nominating Committee Report and Election
6. Motion to Recess

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

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE
9:40 AM – 11:00 AM

7. Call to Order
8. Determination of Quorum
9. Calendar Year 2025 Report
10. Include Specific Non-Members to Join in Closed Session:

Motion: Pursuant to §2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia (COV), I **MOVE** the following individuals will reasonably aid this Committee in considering the subject of the closed session:

Keischer Brittingham
Tawana Ferguson
Brian Flaherty
Mary-Huffard Kegley
Alison Lautz
Gerald Olson
Andy Parker
John Rock
Demetrice Tyler-Holliday

11. Enter Closed Session

Motion: Pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (16) COV, I **MOVE** the Committee begin CLOSED session to discuss and consider medical and mental health records.

12. Enter Open Session and Certify Discussion was Limited to Medical and Mental Health Records.

Motion: I **MOVE** the Committee reconvene OPEN session and members certify that during the closed session, the Board limited its discussion to matters lawfully exempt from the public meeting requirements as identified in the closed session motion. If a member cannot so certify, I ask they state the reason specifically on the record and the recorder take role.

13. Cases Recommended for Closure:

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 be recommended to the Board 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 be recommended to the Board for closure:

14. Adjournment

Motion: I **MOVE** the Jail Review Committee stand adjourned.

LIAISON COMMITTEE
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

15. Call to Order

16. Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes

Motion: I **MOVE** approval of November 19, 2025, Committee meeting minutes.

17. Department of Corrections – Offender Management Report

18. State Compensation Board Report

19. Inmate Benefit Initiatives

Kim Knoll, Benefits Coordinator, VADOC

20. Legislative Report

A. Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) §9.1-192.1 COV

B. HB2221 (Cousins) Inmate ID

C. HB2105 (Pugh Kent) Jail Policies

D. CY24 Annual Report of Inspections and Audits

E. Office of Regulatory Management Update, 6VAC15-40-1045 Inmate Supervision

F. Commonwealth Budget

21. Construction Update

22. Continuous Quality Improvement Update

23. Additional Items for Discussion

24. Adjournment

Motion: I **MOVE** the Liaison Committee stand adjourned.

POLICY AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

11:30AM – 12:30 PM

25. Call to Order

26. Determination of Quorum

27. 6VAC15-40-320 – 530 & Pregnant & Postpartum Inmates

28. 6VAC15-40-540 – 590 Food Service

29. Adjournment

Motion: I **MOVE** the Policy and Regulations Committee stand adjourned.

STATE BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
12:30 PM – Completion

30. Call to Order

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

31. Determination of Quorum

32. 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:**

- ii. **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:

33. Policy and Regulations Committee Report

34. Annual Statement of Economic Interest & Financial Disclosure Statement

35. BLRJ Financial Report

36. Additional Items for Discussion

37. Adjournment

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

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 2025; 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

David Hackworth, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Charles Carey
Michael Carrera
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

William Burno, Sussex County Sheriff's Office
Robyn DeSocio, State Compensation Board
Jamie Fanelli, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Ernest L. Giles, Sr., Sussex County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Alisa Gregory, Henrico County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Lisa Hicks, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Shenika Hicks, Sussex County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Antionette V. Irving, Richmond City Justice Center
Tyler Layne, WTVR
Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail

Michelle Mitchell, Henrico County Sheriff's Office
Patricia Moore, Henrico County Sheriff's Office
Erica Morcy, WTVR
James Parks, DOC
Akeem Pegram, Sussex County Sheriff's Office
John Phelps, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office
Captain Lois Thompson, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office
Tamika Urguhart, Sussex County Sheriff's Office
Leslie Winneberger, Esq., Richmond City Justice Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Hackworth determined quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin to approve minutes of the September 17, 2025, Board meeting, second by Lieutenant Tucker. Unanimous approval.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Chair Hackworth announced the Nominating Committee to present a slate for the vacant officer position of Vice Chair. The vote will occur during the January 7, 2026, BLRJ meeting. The Nominating Committee members are Mrs. Jenkins, Chair, Captain Carey, and Mr. Moore.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chair Hackworth announced all BLRJ members are members of each Committee.

Committee assignments and leadership:

Jail Review Committee: Mr. Sherrod, Chair. Mr. Sherrod designated Mr. Carrera as Vice Chair.

Policy & Regulations Committee: Mrs. Jenkins, Chair. Mrs. Jenkins to designate a Vice Chair.

Liaison Committee: During the November 19, 2025, Committee meeting, Colonel Smith was elected Chair, and he designated Sheriff Mike Taylor as Vice Chair.

MOTION TO RECESS

Motion to recess by Mr. Carrera, second by Mr. McLaughlin. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO RECONVENE

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chair Sherrod called the meeting to order and determined quorum.

CALENDAR YEAR UPDATE

Ms. Lautz stated 52 deaths were reported to BLRJ to-date in Calendar Year (CY) 2025.

MOTION TO INCLUDE NON-BOARD MEMBERS IN CLOSED SESSION:

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

Motion: Pursuant to the Code of Virginia (COV) §2.2-3712(F), I **MOVE** that the presence of the following individuals will reasonably aid the Committee in considering the subject of the closed session:

- a. Paul Beaupre
- b. Sgt. Burno, Sussex County Sheriff's Office
- c. Tawana Ferguson
- d. Brian Flaherty
- e. Sheriff Giles, Sussex County Sheriff's Office
- f. Mary-Huffard Kegley
- g. Alison Lautz
- h. Gerald Olson
- i. Andrew Parker
- j. Sgt. Pegram, Sussex County Sheriff's Office
- k. John Rock
- l. Demetrice Tyler-Holliday

m. Sgt. Urquhart, Sussex County Sheriff's Office

Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION:

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

Motion: Pursuant to the COV§2.2-3711(A) (16) of the Code of Virginia, I **MOVE** the Committee begin CLOSED session to discuss and consider medical and mental health records.

Unanimous approval.

SUSSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTATION

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

Upon the members' return to open session, the following was offered by Mr. Carrera as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin:

Motion: I **MOVE** the Committee reconvene OPEN session and members certify that during the closed session, the Committee limited its discussion to matters lawfully exempt from the public meeting requirements as identified in the closed session motion. If a member cannot so certify, I ask they state the reason specifically on the record and the recorder take role.

All members in attendance certified by Roll Call.

ACTIONS

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

Motion: The Committee investigated the following case 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 case be recommended to the Board for closure:
Case number 24-0035

Unanimous approval.

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

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 recommended to the Board for closure:
Case number 25-0009
Case number 25-0028

Unanimous approval.

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

Motion: The Committee investigated the following case 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 case be recommended to the Board for closure:
Case number 25-0037

Unanimous approval. Lieutenant Tucker abstained from this vote.

HENRICO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTATION-COMPLIANCE PLAN

Sheriff Gregory shared the successful implementation of the electronic tracking system and thanked BLRJ for collaboration and support.

The following was offered by Mr. Carrera as a **Motion** second by Mrs. Jenkins:

Motion: I **MOVE** the Committee recommend to the Board, release of the Compliance Plan with Henrico County Regional Jail-West, effective November 19, 2025.

Unanimous approval. Mr. McLaughlin abstained from this vote.

The following was offered by Mr. Carrera as a **Motion** second by Mrs. Jenkins:

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 recommended to the Board for closure:

Case number 21-0032

Case number 21-0037

Case number 22-0007

Case number 22-0039

Case number 22-0062

Unanimous approval.

RICHMOND CITY JUSTICE CENTER PRESENTATION-COMPLIANCE PLAN

Sheriff Irving shared the progress and current situation regarding inmate supervision.

The following was offered by Mr. McLaughlin as a **Motion**, second by Lieutenant Tucker:

Motion: I **MOVE** the Committee recommend to the Board, extension of the Compliance Plan with Richmond City Justice Center for six months to expire May 20, 2026. Additionally, BLJR is to conduct two compliance reviews prior to the expiration date.

Yea votes: (9) Captain Carey
Mr. Hackworth
Mrs. Jenkins
Mr. McLaughlin
Dr. Maybach
Mr. Moore
Mr. Sherrod
Lieutenant Tucker
Mrs. Vermont

Nay votes: (1) Mr. Carrera

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Carrera, second by Lieutenant Tucker. Unanimous approval.

POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order and determined quorum.

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORT FORM

The following was offered by Mr. McLaughlin as a **Motion**, second by Lieutenant Tucker.

Motion: I **MOVE** the Committee recommend the revised Serious Incident Report Form to the Board for approval.

Unanimous approval.

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Ms. Lautz reported the goal to share the information with jails in February 2026, and the initial report will be due April 15, 2026. Mr. Flaherty requested BLRJ members review the material and provide feedback by December 1, 2025. The Committee provided guidance for the process to proceed.

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS DISCUSSION

Ms. Lautz reviewed several regulations.

PREGNANT & POSTPARTUM INMATES REGULATIONS DISCUSSION

Mr. Flaherty reviewed the opportunity to reassess 6VAC15-40-985, as not all jails have pregnant or postpartum inmates. The revision will be shared with the Virginia Association of Regional Jails (VARJ) and the Virginia Sheriffs' Association (VSA) for feedback.

FOOD SERVICE REGULATIONS DISCUSSION

Food Service Regulations will be reviewed at a later date.

OFFICE OF REGULATORY MANAGEMENT (ORM) UPDATE 6VAC15-40-1045

Ms. Kegley reported the revised guidance, as approved by the BLRJ September 17, 2025, is open for public comment and the anticipated effective date is December 18, 2025. The revisions result in 8.2% regulatory reduction, and 13.3% guidance document reduction.

CERTIFICATION, INSPECTION AND AUDIT REPORT

Mrs. Ferguson presented the certification, inspection, and audit report.

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

- A. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** a recommendation to the Board for unconditional certification and suspension of the 2025 annual inspections for the following facilities:
- i. William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center (Alexandria)
 - ii. Pamunkey Regional Jail
 - iii. Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail
 - iv. Virginia Beach Lockup Precinct 2

- v. Virginia Beach Correctional Center

Unanimous approval.

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

- B. **Motion**: In compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** a recommendation to the Board for unconditional certification for the following facilities:

- i. Fairfax County Adult Detention Center
- ii. Rappahannock Regional Jail

Unanimous approval.

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

- C. **Motion**: As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards and in accordance with §16.1-249(G) of the COV, I **MOVE** a recommendation to the Board for certification to hold male and female juveniles for the following facility:

- i. Virginia Beach Precinct 2

Unanimous approval.

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

- D. **Motion**: In compliance with Board standards and in accordance with §16.1-249(G) of the COV, I **MOVE** a recommendation to the Board for unconditional certification to hold male and female juveniles for the following facility:

- i. Surry County Lock-Up

Unanimous approval.

MOTION to adjourn by Lieutenant Tucker, second by Captain Carey. Unanimous approval.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Hackworth determined quorum present.

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE & START TIMES

Mr. Flaherty presented proposed dates for meetings in 2026. The BLRJ adopted the proposed calendar for planning purposes. Two BLRJ meetings in 2026 will be in various locations around the Commonwealth.

COMPLAINTS & INQUIRIES

Draft language was shared in order to provide consistent messaging for complaints and inquiries. The BLRJ provided consent to implement the draft language.

SURRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUEST FOR DECOMMISSION

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

MOTION: I **MOVE** the Board approve the Surry County Sheriff's request to decommission the lock-up.

Unanimous approval.

RECOGNITION OF TAWANA FERGUSON, 30 YEARS OF DOC SERVICE

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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Case number 24-0035

Unanimous approval.

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

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 25-0009

Case number 25-0028

Unanimous approval.

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

Motion: The Committee investigated the following case 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 case be closed:

Case number 25-0037

Unanimous approval. Lieutenant Tucker abstained from this vote.

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

Motion: I **MOVE** the Board release the Compliance Plan with Henrico County Regional Jail-West, effective November 19, 2025.

Unanimous approval. Mr. McLaughlin abstained from this vote.

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

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:

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Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mr. McLaughlin as a **Motion** second by Lieutenant Tucker:

Motion: I **MOVE** the Board extend the Compliance Plan with Richmond City Justice Center for six months to expire May 20, 2026. Additionally, BLJR is to conduct two compliance reviews prior to the expiration date.

Yea votes: (9) Captain Carey
Mr. Hackworth
Mrs. Jenkins
Mr. McLaughlin
Dr. Maybach
Mr. Moore
Mr. Sherrod
Lieutenant Tucker
Mrs. Vermont

Nay votes: (1) Mr. Carrera

POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORT FORM

The following was offered by Mrs. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion: I **MOVE** the Board approve the revised Serious Incident Report Form.

Unanimous approval.

CERTIFICATION, AUDIT AND INSPECTION REPORT

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 - v. Virginia Beach Correctional Center

Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mrs. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Captain Carey:

B. **Motion:** In compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** unconditional certification for the following facilities:

- i. Fairfax County Adult Detention Center
- ii. Rappahannock Regional Jail

Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mrs. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin:

C. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards and in accordance with §16.1-249(G) of the COV, I **MOVE** certification to hold male and female juveniles for the following facility:

- i. Virginia Beach Precinct 2

Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mrs. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin:

D. **Motion:** In compliance with Board standards and in accordance with §16.1-249(G) of the COV, I **MOVE** unconditional certification to hold male and female juveniles for the following facility:

- i. Surry County Lock-Up

Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

MINUTES

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.