

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

REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2026; 9:30 AM

LOCATION

Middle River Regional Jail, 350 Technology Drive, Staunton, VA 24401

PRESIDING

David Hackworth, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Charles Carey  
Tiffany Jenkins  
John McLaughlin, Jr.  
Roland Sherrod, Jr.  
Jessica Vermont

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Carrera  
Dr. Anita Maybach  
Ryan Moore  
Dr. Sarah Scarbrough  
Chief Joseph Tucker

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Keischer Brittingham, Regulatory Compliance Analyst  
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor  
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director  
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  
Major Michael Amer, Richmond City Sheriff's Office (RCSO)  
Alisha Banks, RCSO  
Phillip Braverman, Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ)  
Major Wyatt Brown, MRRJ  
Sheriff Wayne Davis, Henry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO)  
Lt. Colonel Tony Heflin, MRRJ  
Captain Amber Hostetter, MRRJ  
Major Charles Irvine, MRRJ  
Sheriff Antionette V. Irving, RCSO  
Deputy Secretary Jacquelyn Katson

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Superintendent R. Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail  
Captain Todd Lloyd, MRRJ  
Doris Moseley, RCSO  
Captain James Ramsey, MRRJ  
Captain Kelly Redd, HCSO  
Colonel Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail  
Sergeant Jayneka Stancel, RCSO  
Colonel Eric Young, MRRJ

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

Mr. Hackworth recognized and thanked Colonel Young for hosting the May 20, 2026, BLRJ meeting at the Middle River Regional Jail. This is the first BLRJ meeting convened away from the Richmond headquarters. Colonel Young welcomed BLRJ and extended thanks for the opportunity to share the extraordinary staff and programs of the jail.

Mr. Hackworth welcomed Jacqueline Katson, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin to approve minutes of the March 18, 2026, Board meeting, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

**MOTION TO RECESS**

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

**MOTION TO RECONVENE BOARD MEETING**

Motion to reconvene Board meeting by Mrs. Jenkins, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

**JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

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

- i. **Motion**: On April 24, 2026, 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:

*Case number #25-0022*

*Case number #25-0046*

*Case number #25-0049*

*Case number #26-0012*

*Case number #26-0014*

Unanimous approval.

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

**Motion**: On May 20, 2026, 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:

*Case number #25-0026*

*Case number #25-0039*

*Case number #25-0054*

*Case number #26-0016*

*Case number #26-0019*

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Unanimous approval.

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

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

**Motion:** On April 24, 2026, 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:

*Case number #25-0019*

*Case number #25-0021*

*Case number #25-0023*

*Case number #25-0025*

*Case number #25-0029*

*Case number #25-0030*

*Case number #25-0042*

Unanimous approval.

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

**Motion:** On May 20, 2026, 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:

*Case number #22-0060*

*Case number #22-0066*

*Case number #23-0003*

Unanimous approval.

**POLICY AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Certification, Inspections and Audit Report

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

- a. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** unconditional certification for the following facilities:
- i. Henry County Adult Detention Center

Unanimous approval.

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

- b. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** suspension of the 2026 annual inspections for the following facilities:
- i. Henry County Adult Detention Center

Unanimous approval.

**CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

Gerald Olson, Board Architect

A. Middle River Regional Jail Generator Upgrade Project

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

- i. **Motion:** The Board **APPROVES** Middle River Regional Jail's request for State funding for generator upgrades in the facility. This motion recognizes a total eligible cost of \$821,382 of which up to 25% or \$205,346 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, COV.

Yea votes: Captain Carey  
Mrs. Jenkins  
Mr. McLaughlin  
Mr. Sherrod  
Mrs. Vermont

Nay votes: None

Mr. Hackworth abstained from this vote.

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B. Portsmouth One-Year Extension Request

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

- i. **Motion:** The Board **APPROVES** the City of Portsmouth’s request for a one-year extension for the Portsmouth City Jail Renovation and Upgrades project, approved by the Board on May 15, 2024, in accordance with 6VAC15-81-410.

Yea votes:	Captain Carey	Nay votes:	None
	Mrs. Jenkins		
	Mr. McLaughlin		
	Mr. Sherrod		
	Mrs. Vermont		

Mr. Hackworth abstained from this vote.

**BLRJ FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Flaherty reported that BLRJ has expended 89.3% of the FY26 budget.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

BLRJ was invited to join Colonel Young for a tour of Middle River Regional Jail upon adjournment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mrs. Jenkins. Unanimous approval.