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Criminal Justice Services Board

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Patrick Henry Building
1111 East Broad Street
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East Reading Room

Members Present

Senator Lamont Bagby
Mr. Adam Blevins
Chief Travis Christian
Ms. Jae K. Davenport for the
Hon. Jay Jones
Ms. Shannon Dion
Sheriff Jeremy Falls
Sheriff Brian Hieatt
Ms. Maria Jankowski
Chief Stephen Keatts
D. Bradley Marshall, Esq.
Ms. Corinne Mastronardi
Ms. Renee Maxey
The Hon. Russell McGuire

Members Present (Cont'd)

Sheriff Mike Miller
Ms. Alisa Padden for the Hon.
Karl Hade
Major Matt Patterson for
COL Jeffrey Katz
The Hon. Krystyn Reid, Vice-Chair
Sheriff Bradford "Chip" Shuler, Chairman
Mr. Chuck Slep, III
Superintendent William Smith
Mr. James Towey for Mr. Bob
Birmingham
Mr. Sherard Tisdale
Mr. John Vithoukaskas
Mr. Joseph Walters
Mr. Anthony Williams

Members Absent

Delegate Phil Hernandez
Judge John Marshall
Senator Mark Peake
Chief Carl Rowan, Jr.
Delegate Briana Sewell

I. Call to Order

Chairman Chip Shuler called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Mr. Adam Blevins participated through electronic communication pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3708.2(A)(1)(b) due to his principal residence location being further than 60 miles from the meeting location.

Mr. Bradley Marshall participated through electronic communication pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3708.2(A)(1)(b) due to his principal residence location being further than 60 miles from the meeting location.

Ms. Kristen Reid participated through electronic communication pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3708.2(A)(1)(b) due to her principal residence location being further than 60 miles from the meeting location.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Renee Maxey made the motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty McGuire, to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2025, meeting of the CJSB. The motion passed unanimously

III. Director's Report

DCJS Director, Ms. Ashaki McNeil, introduced herself to the Board as the newly appointed Director of DCJS. She also introduced her newly appointed Chief Deputy Director, Harvey Powers, who previously served as the Division Director of Law Enforcement at DCJS. She recognized the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Stanley Meador, and the Deputy Secretary Jacquelyn Katson, who were also in attendance.

Director McNeil then introduced new members to the Board. Mr. Robert Bermingham, Jr., as the newly appointed Director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Ms. Jae K. Davenport – the new proxy for the Honorable Jay Jones, Attorney General of Virginia, Ms. Shannon Dion, the newly appointed Chair of the Virginia Parole Board, Ms. Alisa Padden, Proxy for the Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia and Mr. Joseph Walters, the newly appointed Director of the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Director McNeil then gave updates from the agency:

Division of Law Enforcement

DCJS will again be the primary sponsor of the Virginia Association of Directors of Criminal Justice Training (VADCJT) Conference in Virginia Beach April 21-23, 2026. This conference will bring together representatives of the 38 criminal justice academies and other instructors to engage in critical discussions about modern law enforcement training. Topics will include:

- Training changes coming from DCJS.
- Information regarding DCJS piloting its model lesson plans for basic law enforcement training at Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy and Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy in July.
- The new TRACER online testing portal. For too long, our state's academies have been forced to either use Scantron for testing law enforcement recruits or to spend their own money in developing online solutions to testing recruits. DCJS is committed to providing a modern and technologically sound online portal for written and skills testing of recruits, all at no cost to the Virginia Academy system.

DCJS continues to see unprecedented growth in the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). DCJS plays an administrative role in the process of accreditation of Virginia's law enforcement agencies. As of the March 5 VLEPSC meeting, Virginia has 116 agencies.

On February 1, 2026, the Law Enforcement Professional Standards of Conduct as grounds for decertification completed its long route through the regulatory process and is now final.

Division of Programs and Services

- In response to the mass shooting event in Richmond on February 21, 2026, the DCJS Victim Crisis Assistance and Response Team (VCART) reached out to the Victim Witness director and met with city representatives to discuss victim response needs. VCART staff also reached out to Fairfax officials following a brutal domestic stabbing event that led to an officer-involved shooting.
- Thanks to the implementation of the new case management/data collection system for local probation and pretrial services agencies, DCJS will be able to provide the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics aggregate state data for the annual probation statistics report. This relieves each local agency from the burden of individual reporting.
- The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recently conducted an audit of DCJS and our process of monitoring for compliance with the core provisions of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Auditors and DCJS staff visited 15 facilities as part of the audit. As a result of the various site visits, we will be refining out compliance monitoring process.
- An updated Human Trafficking Resource Directory has been launched on the DCJS website. The updated directory includes new search options for services and providers.
- The Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee will meet on March 12th, and the Advisory Committee on Sexual and Domestic Violence will meet on March 25th.

Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services

Nearly a year after its launch, the Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services' credential management system, Lotus, is working well. We predict that the division will approve about 38,000 private security and related applications in 2025; more applications than it has approved in any of the previous three years.

With Lotus' major issues addressed, division staff have been working with DCJS IT, industry partners and vendors to improve processes, including improvements that will reduce user errors.

The division has begun holding town hall meetings and information sessions with constituents and industry representatives to foster bi-directional communication, using feedback from stakeholders to determine what improvements should be prioritized.

It was noted that Laureen Hyman, the Board Secretary for the CJSB, is retiring April 1, 2026, after serving 36 years with DCJS. Her replacement, Ms. Tabitha Young-Osborne, was introduced at the meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

Committee on Training (COT)

The COT met at 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2026. COT Chair, Superintendent William Smith gave the report.

Mr. Brandon Williams, DCJS Law Enforcement Instructional Programs Coordinator, provided the Committee with information regarding proposed changes to Basic Law-Enforcement Training Standards, which were voted on and approved.

A motion was made by Superintendent William Smith and seconded by Ms. Renee Maxey, that the Board approve the Re-Certification for Chesterfield County as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Superintendent Smith and seconded by Mr. Anthony Williams, that the Board approve the City of Radford as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on January 15, 2026, and heard the decertification appeals of:

- **Mr. Stafford Davis**, formerly with the Chesapeake City Sheriff's Office. The Executive Committee voted to reinstate the eligibility for certification of Mr. Davis.
- **Mr. Raphael McKelvin**, formerly with the Riverside Regional Jail. The Executive Committee voted to sustain the decertification of Mr. McKelvin.
- **Mr. Joshua Perry**, formerly with the Prince William County Police Department. The Executive Committee voted to uphold the decision from the Informal Fact Finding Conference (IFFC) and sustain the decertification of Mr. Joshua Perry.

V. Legislative Update

Ms. Tracey Jenkins, Division Director of Programs and Services of DCJS gave a legislative update on this year's General Assembly session.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VII. New Business

The Grants Committee did not meet prior to the CJSB meeting. Therefore, the following grants were brought before the full board for consideration.

- **Sexual Assault Services Program – Statewide Hotline Services:** DCJS recommends approved funding in the amount of **\$76,285**, in federal funds, for **one award**.
- **Byrne/JAG One-Time Grant Program for Juvenile Detention Centers:** DCJS recommends approved funding in the amount of **\$387,069**, in federal funds, including a local match, for **four awards**.

A motion was made by Mr. Rusty McGuire and seconded by Sheriff Brian Hieatt to approve these grants as recommended by the Grants Committee. The motion passed.

Regulations

Mr. Lee Bryant, Regulatory Specialist of DCJS, presented on Regulation 6VAC20-11-Public Participation Guidelines, and 6VAC20-120-School Resource Officer (SRO) Program.

A motion was made by Ms. Maxey and seconded by Ms. Corinne Mastronardi to approve of these regulation changes as recommended by DCJS. The motion passed.

Ms. Melissa O'Neill, State CASA Program Coordinator of DCJS, gave a presentation on the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program to the Board.

Mr. Tracy Matthews, Law Enforcement Grants and Program Manager of DCJS presented on the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Next Meeting

The next Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Meeting will take place in the East Reading Room of the Patrick Henry Building on May 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.