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MINUTES

Criminal Justice Services Board

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*Patrick Henry Building
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
East Reading Room*

Members Present

Senator Lamont Bagby
Chief Travis Christian
Ms. Jae K. Davenport for The
Hon. Jay Jones
Delegate Phil Hernandez
Sheriff Brian Hieatt
Chief Stephen Keatts
Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq.
Judge John Marshall
Ms. Corinne Mastronardi
Ms. Renee Maxey
Ms. Colleen Maxwell for Ms.
Shannon Dion

Members Present (Cont'd)

Allison Powers for Ms. Maria Jankowski
The Hon. Krystyn Reid, *Vice-Chair*
Sheriff Bradford "Chip" Shuler,
Chairman
Hon. Mr. Chuck Slemple, III
Superintendent William Smith
Mr. James Towey for Mr. Bob
Birmingham
Mr. Sherard Tisdale
Mr. John Vithoulkas
Kristi Wright for the Hon. Karl Hade

Members Absent

Mr. Adam Blevins
Sheriff Jeremy Falls
Col. Jeffrey Katz
The Hon. Mr. Russell McGuire
Sheriff Mike Miller
Senator Mark Peake
Chief Carl Rowan, Jr.
Delegate Briana Sewell
Mr. Joseph Walters
Hon. Mr. Anthony Williams

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.

Chief Travis Christian 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. Chuck Slep, III 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

Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq made the motion, seconded by Superintendent William Smith, to accept the minutes of May 7, 2026, meeting of the CJSB. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Director's Report

DCJS Director, Ms. Ashaki McNeil, welcomed all who were in attendance. Director McNeil requested that CJSB members with terms ending June 30, 2026 continue to serve on the board until notification of replacement or reappointment from the Secretary of the Commonwealths' Office.

Director McNeil suggested that at the end of the meeting we clear the room immediately to allow for set up of an event.

Director McNeil then gave updates from the agency:

Division of Law Enforcement

Congratulations to Rick Collins who officially began as the Division Director of Law Enforcement as of May 25, 2026

The Basic Law Enforcement Model Curriculum for basic law enforcement went out to all Virginia Academies as planned. The pilot will kick off July 6, and the final curriculum will be effective January 1, 2027. Kudos to the Curriculum Development Team who have dedicated countless hours to bringing this project to completion.

On May 28th, the Va Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission held its second-quarter meeting in Chesterfield County. I would like to thank Chesterfield County and Department of Parks and Recreation for hosting the meeting and for their hospitality.

Five agencies appeared before the Commission for Reaccreditation:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation,
The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department,
The Northumberland County Sheriff's Office, The Virginia Capitol Police, and
The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office.

I am pleased to report that all five agencies successfully met the required standards and were unanimously reaccredited by the Commission.

As a result, Virginia now has 114 accredited law enforcement agencies participating in the VLEPSC program, congratulations.

Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services

The Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services continue to manage record levels of activity. As of May, the division has more than 70,000 active credentials across its five regulatory programs—private security, bail bondsmen, bail enforcement agents, special conservators of the peace, and tow truck drivers.

As application volume continues to grow, the division remains focused on improving customer service and reducing the need for constituents to contact DCJS. The most common complaint received is difficulty reaching the division by phone or email. In response, the division is hiring additional part-time staff.

Division of Programs and Services

In response to House bill 1464 and Senate bill 812, DCJS has convened a work group to discuss and make recommendations related to forensic examinations. The work group held its first meeting on June 9th and includes a number of individuals experienced in the area of forensic examinations, including representatives from the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Nurses Association, the Virginia Forensic Nursing Advisory Council, forensic nurse examiners, and others. The work of the group will build upon work done last year in a similar study. A report is to be published by November 1, 2026.

The Division is actively planning a two-and-a-half day forum for Community Criminal Justice Boards, criminal justice coordinating councils, and criminal justice planners. The forum will be held in Charlottesville, September 2-4, 2026. If you are a member of your local Community Criminal Justice Board, we hope you will be able to attend. Additional information will be sent out when registration is open.

The Division is also planning a domestic violence forum for the fall, focusing on prevention, intervention, and enhanced services. We hope to have the dates for this event secured shortly.

Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and Public Safety Training

DCJS's Ok2SpeakOut violence prevention campaign recently received a 2026 Telly Award in the Non-Broadcast Craft Videography/Cinematography category. The campaign was developed to encourage students, educators, and community members to recognize warning signs and seek help for individuals in crisis. The campaign supports Virginia's nationally recognized behavioral threat assessment framework. The award recognizes the campaign's effectiveness and highlights Virginia's continued leadership in violence prevention and school safety initiatives. Kudos to the VCSC Team.

UPDATE - DCJS, in partnership with other state agency partners, successfully convened the 2026 Conference on Violent Crime from June 2–4 in Norfolk, Virginia. The conference brought together more than 350 criminal justice, public safety, and first responder professionals from

across Virginia to discuss emerging trends and collaborative approaches to reducing violent crime.

The 2026 School Safety Training Forum and Executive Forum will be held July 20–22 in Hampton, Virginia. The event will bring together nationally recognized experts and multidisciplinary leaders to address the full continuum of school safety which includes training for school safety personnel. If there is interest in attending, please reach out to Tabitha Young Osborne.

Effective July 1, 2026, the Office of Safer Communities will be elevated to a stand-alone Division. This transition reflects our agency’s commitment to addressing violence through strategic partnerships, evidence-based practices, and coordinated prevention efforts. Elevating the Office of Safer Communities will strengthen our ability to support localities, expand resources, and advance innovative approaches that reduce violence and improve community safety throughout the Commonwealth.

Last but not least June is Gun Violence Awareness month. Orange is the color used to symbolize awareness. We have orange ribbon pins available on the table. Please feel free to take one

IV. Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Chairman Shuler stated that there are no updates, the last Executive Meeting was April 23, 2026 and addressed in the May 7, 2026 CJSB meeting.

Committee on Training (COT)

The COT met at 10:00 a.m. on June 11, 2026. COT Chair, Superintendent William Smith gave the report.

Certification of a Certified Crime Prevention Community – City of Buena Vista.

A motion was made by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq. and seconded by Mr. Sherard Tisdale that the Board approves the certification for the City of Buena Vista as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The motion passed unanimously.

Recertification of a Certified Crime Prevention Community – County of Henrico.

A motion was made by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq, and seconded by Ms. Renee Maxey, that the Board approves the recertification for the County of Henrico as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The motion passed unanimously.

Recertification of a Certified Crime Prevention Community – Westmoreland County.

A motion was made by Judge John Marshall and seconded by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq., that the Board approves the recertification for Westmoreland County as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee

The Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee met at 9:00am on June 11, 2026. Chairman Mastronardi gave the report.

Security Services Advisory Board (PSSAB) and Court Appointed Special Advocate/Children's Justice Act (CASA/CJA) Advisory Committee Nominees as follows:

PSSAB

- Re-Appointment of Mr. David Gambale, as Bail Bondsman Representative, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.
- Re-Appointment of Mr. Stephen Shiflett, as Private Security Services Business Representative (providing security officers, armed couriers, detector canine handlers, etc.) beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.
- Re-Appointment of Mr. Christopher Stuart as Private Security Services Business Representative (providing security officers, armed couriers, detector canine handlers, etc.), beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.
- Appointment of Kelly Kennan as Private Security Electronic Security Business Representative, beginning October 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028
- Appointment of Robert Reyes as Instructor Representative. beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
- Appointment of Shay Knaani as Locksmith Business Representative, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

The motion was made by Sheriff Chip Shuler and seconded by Superintendent William Smith to approve these appointments as recommended by the Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

CASA/CJA

- Re-appointment of Ms. Shamika Byars, Health Professional representative, Term to begin July 1, 2026, and end July 1, 2030.
- Appointment of Ms. Kristin Camp, Parents Groups representative position. Term to begin July 1, 2026, and end July 1, 2030.
- Appointment of Ms. Mary Chamberlain, Defense Attorney representative. Term to begin July 1, 2026, and end July 1, 2030.

- Appointment of Ms. Kayla Stultz, Law Enforcement representative. Term to begin July 1, 2026, and end July 1, 2030.
- Appointment of Ms. Viola Vaughn-Eden, Mental Health representative. Term to begin July 1, 2026, and end July 1, 2030.

The motion was made by Sheriff Chip Shuler and seconded by Ms. Corinne Mastronardi to approve these appointments as recommended by the Nominations and Appointments Subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

Grants Committee

The Grants Committee met on May 28, 2026, at 10:00am, and made the following recommendations:

Sheriff Brian Hieatt presented on the following grants. The grants below were approved by majority vote by the Grants Committee.

- **Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (BJAG) – Criminal Justice Programs:** There was discussion on the use of grant-funded equipment/software for purposes other than what is approved in the grant. DCJS staff confirmed that BJAG funded equipment must be returned or transferred to another federally funded project if the grant funded project is discontinued. The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$894,928** in federal funds and subrecipient provided match, for **11 awards**.
- **Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCI):** There was discussion on oversight and monitoring to ensure the use of nationally recognized best practices by the grant funded programs. DCJS staff confirmed the collaboration with the Office of the Executive Secretary and all monitoring activities. Additional discussion confirmed that one program is not eligible for funding consideration because they already receive this grant funding. The Grants Subcommittee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$399,493**, using federal funds, for **4 awards**.
 - *Kristi S. Wright, temporary Proxy for Karl R. Hade* verbal recusal for 2026-2027 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCIP) Grant Funding
- **Comprehensive Community Corrections Act and Pretrial Services Act (CCCA/PSA):** The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$32,656,996** in state funds, for **37 awards**. Additional funds for bonuses and raises will be included as directed through the Appropriation Act for state funded local employees.
- **Comprehensive Community Corrections Act and Pretrial Services Act - Regional Jail Expansion (CCCA/PSA Jail Expansion):** The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$1,100,000**, using state general funds and subrecipient provided match, for **2 awards**. Additional funds for bonuses and raises will be included as directed through the Appropriation Act for state funded local employees.

- **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA):** The Grants Committee unanimously recommends supplemental funding in the amount of **\$3,033,012**, using state general funds and federal VOCA funds, for **26 awards**. Additional funds may be added in accordance with the funding formula to approved recipients' award amounts if appropriated by the General Assembly.

- **Jail Mental Health Program (JMHP):** The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$1,875,000** comprised of state funds, for **5 awards**.

- **Jail Substance Use Treatment (JSUT):** There was discussion on whether these were continuation grants. DCJS staff discussed the elimination of the Addiction Recovery Grant Program in the *Code of Virginia* during the 2026 Session of the Virginia General Assembly, and the anticipated corresponding budget action. In order to allow the current programs time to transition away from state funding, DCJS invited them to apply under the Jail Substance Use Treatment Grant Program which serves the same purpose. The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$600,000** comprised of state funds, for **4 awards**.

- **Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP):** The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$20,776,190** comprised of federal funds and state funds, for **116 awards**.

- **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) – Forensic:** There was discussion on the availability of Forensic Nurse Examiner programs across the Commonwealth. DCJS staff confirmed that there is now coverage to all areas of the state and DCJS will continue outreach to encourage additional programs. There was also discussion to confirm that one denial was due to the applicant applying in the wrong category. The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$841,463**, comprised of state funds, for **10 awards**.

- **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) - Prosecution:** There was discussion on whether additional funding is used to support these positions. DCJS staff confirmed that applicants are asked to provide information on additional fund sources used to support the project. The Grants Committee unanimously recommends funding in the amount of **\$2,593,513**, comprised of state funds, for **42 awards**.

The motion was made by Chief Stephen Keatts and seconded by Ms. Corinne Mastronardi to approve all proposed grants with the exception of **Accomac County and City of Lynchburg from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (BJAG) – Criminal Justice Programs**. The motion passed unanimously.

Recusals

Ms. Shannon Dion for Virginia Parole Board State Government Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP) 569890 \$90,602.00

Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq. for Town of Haymarket Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) Criminal Justice Programs – 570660 \$9,9963.00

Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq. for CASA of Central Virginia Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) 570119 \$155,160.

Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, Esq. for Prince William County Jail Mental Health Program (JMHP) – 570624 \$348,185.00

Judge John Marshall for Henrico County Comprehensive Community Corrections Act and Pretrial Services Act (CCCA/PSA) 571308 \$1,579,463.00

Judge John Marshall for Henrico County Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP) 570067 \$868,276.00

Judge John Marshall for Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) 570492 \$244,839.00

Dean W. Ricks Proxy for Joseph W. Walters for Department of Corrections, Victim Witness Grant Program – 570826 \$510,703.00

Kristi S. Wright, temporary proxy for Hon. Karl R. Hade for City of Bristol Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCI) – 570504 \$0.00

Kristi S. Wright, temporary proxy for Hon. Karl R. Hade for Buchanan County Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCI) – 569883 \$132,749.00

Kristi S. Wright, temporary proxy for Hon. Karl R. Hade for Culpeper County Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCI) – 569604 \$104,367.00

Kristi S. Wright, temporary proxy for Hon. Karl R. Hade for City of Lynchburg Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCI) – 570503 \$62,377.00

Kristi S. Wright, temporary proxy for Hon. Karl R. Hade for City of Norfolk Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCI) – 571147 \$100,000.00

V. Old Business

School Safety Officer (SSO) Grant Program – New

Lindsay Burton, Division Director, presented information to the Board regarding the School Safety Officer Grant Program new grant applications.

Chairmen Shuler presented the School Safety Officer (SSO) Grant Program - New:

The Grants Committee recommends funding in the amount of \$1,758,853, comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match, for 10 awards. During the Grants Committee meeting in May 2026, Ms. Jankowski abstained from the vote.

Buckingham County - The Committee recommends **\$38,030** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Mr. Sherard Tisdale and seconded by Ms. Corinne Mastronardi. The motion passed unanimously.

City of Colonial Heights – The Committee recommends **\$127,255** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Sheriff Brian Hieatt and seconded by Superintendent William Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Henry County - The Committee recommends **\$98,559** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Ms. Corinne Mastronardi and seconded by Superintendent William Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

James City County - The Committee recommends **\$126,768** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Ms. Allison Powers and seconded by Ms. Colleen Maxwell to deny the grant to James City County. The motion passed unanimously
- Aye or Nay roll call per attendance roster. 10-6 motion passed to deny the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee County - The Committee recommends **\$57,051** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Superintendent William Smith and seconded by Mr. Sherard Tisdale. The motion passed unanimously.

City of Manassas Park - The Committee recommends **\$131,628** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Chief Stephen Keatts and seconded by Superintendent William Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

City of Norton - The Committee recommends **\$68,515** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Hon. Mr. Chuck Slemple, III and seconded by Chief Stephen Keatts. The motion passed unanimously.

City of Suffolk - The Committee recommends **\$50,239** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Sheriff Brian Hieatt and seconded by Mr. Sherard Tisdale. The motion passed unanimously.

Wise County - The Committee recommends **\$812,196** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Hon. Mr. Chuck Slemple, III and seconded by Mr. Sherard Tisdale. The motion passed unanimously.

York County - The Committee recommends **\$248,612** comprised of state funds and subrecipient provided match.

- A motion was made by Superintendent William Smith and seconded by Mr. Sherard Tisdale. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

VII. Public Comment

Amber Banks, Legal Aid Justice Center

VIII. Next Meeting

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

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m. was motioned by Superintendent William Smith and second by Judge John Marshall.