

# THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

The Virginia Board of Corrections (Board) met on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Department of Corrections (VADOC) Headquarters, 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23225.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bobby Vassar, Vice Chairman  
John F. Anderson, Jr.  
Ann Gardner  
Colin P. O'Dawe  
Carl Peed  
Reverend Kevin L. Sykes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Reverend Dr. Yvonne Jones Bibbs  
Reverend Anthony Paige  
Phyllis Randall, Chairman

**VADOC STAFF PRESENT:** Donna Lawrence, Manager, Compliance and Accreditation Unit  
Beverly Hill-Murray, Supervisor, Compliance and Accreditation Unit  
Bob Casey, Project Manager, Compliance and Accreditation Unit  
James Bruce, Manager, Policy and Initiatives Unit  
Donna P. Foster, Administrative Support, Board of Corrections

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Victoria Cochran, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety  
Charles Quagliato, Office of the Attorney General  
Dick Hall-Sizemore, Department of Planning and Budget  
Nicole Storm, Department of Planning and Budget  
Jamie Pham, Vectre Corporation

## CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Vassar called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

## DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Vice Chairman Vassar determined there was a quorum present.

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## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairman Vassar welcomed everyone and asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

## APPROVAL OF MAY BOARD MINUTES

Vice Chairman Vassar presented the November minutes for review and approval. There is a correction to page two, under the motion to approve the minutes. "Chairman Peed" should have read "Chairman Randall".

Upon a **MOTION** by Vice Chairman Vassar and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the October Board meeting minutes as amended.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment made.

## PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

## LIAISON COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Gardner provided an overview of the Funding and Budget Issues Report, Prison Population Report, the Jail Construction Update, Offender Management Services Update as well as other business.

Ms. Gardner reported that Robyn deSocio reported on the latest legislative session. It was recommended that the jail inmate per diem funding for fiscal year 2016 (FY16) be increased to \$11.3 million. The full amount was funded by the legislators. A 2% across the board salary increase was approved, effective December 1, 2016 for all constitutional officers, regional jails and directors of finance and their employees, contingent upon the FY16 year-end review. Sheriffs and regional jails will receive additional funding of \$3.6 million for the first year and \$8.7 million the following year to address salary compression. Effective January 1, 2017, sworn deputies and regional jail officers who have served three or more years of continuous service will receive \$80 per year of service, up to 30 years. Non-sworn employees with a minimum of 3 years of continuous service will receive \$65 per year of service for up to 30 years. There is additional funding of \$10.4 million for FY17 and \$11.1 million for FY18 for jail inmate per diem payments. Also, there is funding of \$1 million in FY17 and \$2.5 million in FY18 to the Department of Criminal Justice Services to solicit proposals for local or regional jails to develop pilot programs to provide services for mentally ill inmates. A public budget hearing will be held on April 7, 2016.

Ms. Gardner reported that Bob Casey reported the Central Virginia Regional Jail is expecting full completion by July, 2016; the Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail, Phase 2 expansion has reached 35% design completion and the Richmond City Justice Center reimbursement packages were approved by signature of the Secretary of Public Safety and forwarded to the Department of the Treasury for payment.

Ms. Gardner reported that Jim Parks reported that out-of-compliance rates have been trending downward and are currently at 4,595. Mr. Parks advised that he had nothing further to report.

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Mr. Peed added that Robyn deSocio will be leading an effort to study the issue of liability for sheriffs and regional jails as they are currently under a statewide self-insurance pool.

## ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

No Administration Committee meeting was held.

## CORRECTIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE UPDATE/Policy & Regulations

### LOCAL FACILITIES SECTION – STAFFING/FUNDING AND UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS:

Mr. O'Dawe offered the following Committee recommendations for Board approval:

Unconditional Certification as a result of **100%** compliance for **Bristol City Jail, Charlotte County Jail, Portsmouth City Jail and Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail.**

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. O'Dawe and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

Unconditional Certification as a result of **100%** compliance for **Greene County Lockup to include male and female juveniles in accordance with §16.1-249.G.**

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. O'Dawe and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

Also, Unconditional Certification is recommended for **Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center and Pittsylvania County Jail.**

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. O'Dawe and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations

The Board of Corrections, in recognition of the outstanding achievement of 100% compliance with Standards, approves the suspension of the 2016 Annual Inspection for the **Bristol City Jail, Charlotte County Jail, Greene County Lockup, Portsmouth City Jail and Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail.**

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. O'Dawe and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations

The Board moves to initiate the proposed stage of the regulatory process to repeal and replace the existing 6 VAC 15-80 with 6 VAC 15-81 Standards for Planning, Design, Construction and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities in accordance with the Virginia Administrative Process Act.

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. O'Dawe and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations

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The Board of Corrections approves the Piedmont Regional Jail Board's request to increase the rated capacity from 181 to 274 beds. It further recommends to the Compensation Board that staffing be reevaluated based on the 2014 Jail Cost Report for the average daily population, and a new rated bed capacity of 274.

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. O'Dawe and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Clarke was unable to attend the March 16, 2016 Board of Corrections' meeting and did not assign a designee on his behalf.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman Vassar addressed the General Assembly regarding Senate Bill 724 which was proposed by State Senator David W. Marsden regarding the powers and duties of the Board of Corrections and the potential to restore previous powers. The bill passed the Senate committee but died in the full Senate by a significant margin. Vice Chairman Vassar was surprised that the Department of Corrections opposed the restoration of powers, based upon a concern of potential interference with the Governor's budget process.

## FUTURE MEETING DATES

May 18, 2016  
July 20, 2016  
September 21, 2016  
October 19, 2016  
November 16, 2016

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss before the Board of Corrections, upon a *Motion* by Vice Chairman Vassar and duly seconded, the meeting was *Adjourned* by unanimous vote at 12:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Phyllis J. Randall, Chairman

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John F. Anderson, Jr., Secretary