

Senate Bill 581 Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
Approved 11/07/2022

Meeting Date: August 30, 2022

Location: VADOC Headquarters, 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Appointed members in attendance: Sheriff Joe Baron; Dana Schrad (attended virtually); Ted Hull; Shawn Weneta; Daniel Rosen (attended virtually); Chuck Meire (attended virtually); Andy Elders (attended virtually); Paulettra James; Jeremiah Mosteller; Sincere Allah; Dantia Nance; Pelicia Hall; Senator Joe Morrissey; Delegate Patrick Hope; Delegate Amanda Batten.

Stakeholders attending in person: John Jones; Jake Jacobs; Mike O'Toole; Michelle Lewis; Matt Wheeler; Katie Boyle; Ashley Shapiro.

In addition to the members who attended virtually, several stakeholders joined virtually.

Board of Local and Regional Jails Staff Present: Ryan McCord, Executive Director and Colleen Maxwell, Policy Analyst

Call to Order

Mr. McCord called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Vote on Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. McCord called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the Workgroup. Mr. Weneta made a motion to nominate Senator Joe Morrissey as Chair and Delegate Amanda Batten as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Paulettra James. The vote for Chair followed with all members in favor of Senator Morrissey as chair. The vote for Vice Chair was unanimous for Delegate Batten as Vice Chair.

Workgroup Purpose

Senator Morrissey reviewed the content of SB 581, for which he was patron.

Discussion of Survey

Members of the workgroup reviewed the proposed fee survey. Sheriff Baron made several suggestions to the survey content, as did Senator Morrissey. All members accepted the recommended changes. Mr. McCord and Ms. Maxwell stated they would make the changes and send the survey to the research unit for compilation. In addition to the changes to the survey, Senator Morrissey requested that all facilities surveyed submit their vendor contracts and associated financial

records for the past five (5) years. The intent of this request was to clarify any misrepresentations from the State Compensation Board's Annual Jail Revenues and Expenditures Report. The goal is to have the survey disseminated and returned by September 30, 2022.

Designation of Subcommittees

Senator Morrissey presented a proposed list of subcommittees along with suggested membership. The subcommittees are: *Commissary* to be chaired by Senator Morrissey; *Communications* to be chaired by Delegate Batten; and *Other Costs* (such as work release and health care) to be chaired by Delegate Hope. All members agreed with the proposal of subcommittees; however, some rearranging of subcommittee membership was recommended. It was agreed that the chair of each subcommittee would contact the designated members to schedule a meeting within the next two weeks.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.