COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APPROVED MAY 21, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2025; 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Dr. Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker, PsyD, Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Charles Carey, Board of Local and Regional Jails
David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tiffany Jenkins, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jessica Vermont, Board of Local and Regional Jails

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Carrera, Board of Local and Regional Jails
The Honorable Charles Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Dr. Anita Maybach, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Dr. Amanda Trent, Board of Local and Regional Jails

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Dillman, Superintendent, Riverside Regional Jail
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jeff Gore, Esq., Riverside Regional Jail
Sheriff Alisa Gregory, Henrico Sheriff's Office
Patricia S. Moore, Henrico Sheriff's Office
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Alison Lautz, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tojunna Mack, Riverside Regional Jail
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General
Luca Powell, Richmond Times-Dispatch
John Rock, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Demetrice Tyler-Holiday, Board of Local and Regional Jails

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Booker, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Mr. Hackworth to approve minutes of November 24, 2024, meeting, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Mr. Hackworth to approve minutes of January 15, 2025, meeting, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

CERTIFICATION, INSPECTIONS and AUDIT REPORTS

Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, presented the Certification, Inspections and Audit Report to the Committee.

The following was offered by Mr. Hackworth in the form of a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Vermont:

a. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **RECOMMEND** unconditional certification for the following facilities:

    a. RSW Regional Jail
    b. Rockbridge Regional Jail
    c. Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

    Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mrs. Vermont in the form of a **Motion**, second by Captain Carey:

b. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards and in accordance with Section 16.1-249(G) of the Code of Virginia, I **RECOMMEND** to include certification to hold male and female juveniles for the following facility:

    a. Rockbridge Regional Jail

    Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mr. Hackworth in the form of a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Vermont:

c. **Motion:** I **RECOMMEND** unconditional certification for the following facility:

a. Charlotte County Jail

Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mr. Hackworth in the form of a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Vermont:

d. **Motion:** As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **RECOMMEND** suspension of the 2025 life, health and safety inspections for the following facilities:

a. RSW Regional Jail
b. Rockbridge Regional Jail
c. Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

Unanimous approval.

BUSINESS

Legislative Considerations:

A. Mr. Flaherty shared information regarding the 2026 General Assembly Session. Committee members with legislative suggestions are to communicate with the Committee Chair for consideration.

Decommissioning Requests:

A. Virginia Beach Lock-Up, Third Precinct, requests de-commissioning as the facility is no longer in use. Staffing resources, technology deficiencies and budget restraints have added to the closure.

Motion offered by Mr. Hackworth to support de-commissioning the Virginia Beach Lock-up, Third Precinct, second by Mrs. Vermont.

Unanimous approval.

B. Essex County Lock-Up requests reclassification as a holding facility. The Committee requests additional information to address if the facility plans to hold inmates for any reason other than Court appearances.

By-Laws Draft Revisions

A. The Committee requested additional information to reflect Board member participation in Committee considerations.

6VAC15 Updates

6VAC15-40 Minimum Standards: BLRJ staff is reviewing the regulations and will continue to share drafts with the Committee.

6VAC15-20 Certification & Inspections: BLRJ staff is reviewing the regulations and will share drafts with the Committee.

6VAC15-45 Repeal of Regulations for Private Management and Operation of Prison Facilities is pending review by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB).

Continuous Quality Improvements (CQI)

Ms. Lautz shared that the Committee input during the January 15, 2025, Committee meeting is reflected in the ongoing revision/consideration of the standards, as established for CQI in 2019. Implementation plans are in development.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hackworth, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.