# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
# BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
# LIAISON COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

**APPROVED MAY 21, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2025; 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Superintendent Chris Smith, Vice Chair

PRESENT

Dr. Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker, PsyD, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Captain Charles Carey, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Michael Carrera, Board of Local and Regional Jails
David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tiffany Jenkins, 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
Roland B. Sherrod, Jr., Board of Local and Regional Jails
Dr. Amanda Trent, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Lieutenant Joseph Tucker, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jessica Vermont, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Robyn DeSocio, State Compensation Board
Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Jeff Gore, Esq., Riverside Regional Jail
Alison Lautz, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tojuanna Mack, Riverside Regional Jail
Gerald Olson, Architect, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General
Luca Powell, Richmond Times-Dispatch
Major Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield Sheriff's Office
John Rock, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails

**CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Smith, Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees.

**Motion** by Mr. Hackworth to approve minutes of the January 15, 2025, Committee meeting, second by Dr. Booker. Unanimous approval.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mary-Huffard Kegley reviewed legislation passed by the 2025 General Assembly Session with BLRJ impact. The bills are currently pending action by the Governor.

HB 2105 BLRJ to collect facility policies regarding investigations of acts of violence, annually effective January 1, 2026.

HB 2221 BLRJ to work with Department of Corrections (DOC), Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Registrar of Vital Records to report to the General Assembly regarding identification documentation for inmates, due November 1, 2025.

SB 1039 BLRJ to work with DOC to report to the Joint Commission on Healthcare of accommodations for inmate telehealth appointments, due October 1, 2025.

Budget amendment Item 61#1c for BLRJ to work with the Compensation Board to survey the impact of virtual Court hearings on jail operations. Report due June 30, 2026, to the Secretaries of Administration and Public Safety and Homeland Security, House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

SB 770 consolidates the due dates for BLRJ's annual report of death reviews, due annually July 1, 2025.

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

Mr. Flaherty reminded the Committee that BLRJ will be communicating with facilities regarding the mandated annual capacity report.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Gerald Olson advised the Committee that the BLRJ approved construction projects are included for funding in the budget currently pending action by the Governor.

## STATE COMPENSATION BOARD

Robyn DeSocio reported on items in the budget currently pending action by the Governor:

- 3% across the board salary increase for all constitutional officers, effective July 1, 2025.
- 1.5% one-time bonus, calculated prior to the 3% increase, effective July 1, 2025.
- Budget item 61#1c regarding survey of impact of virtual Court hearings.

Superintendent Smith announced the Virginia Association of Regional Jails (VARJ) annual training conference is April 8-12, 2025, in Virginia Beach. BLRJ and Committee members interested in attending should communicate with Superintendent Smith.

**Motion** to adjourn by Mr. Hackworth, second by Dr. Booker. Unanimous approval.