COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS

MINUTES

APPROVED MAY 21, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2025; 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

The Honorable Charles Jett, Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker, PsyD
Captain Charles Carey
Michael Carrera
David Hackworth
Tiffany Jenkins
Dr. Anita Maybach
Roland Sherrod, Jr.
Dr. Amanda Trent
Lieutenant Joseph Tucker
Jessica Vermont

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

BOARD STAFF PRESENT
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst
Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator
Gerald Olson, Architect
John Rock, Jail Death Investigator
Demetrice Tyler-Holiday, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT
Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Tojuanna Mack, Riverside Regional Jail
Luca Powell, Richmond Times-Dispatch
Major Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

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Chairman Jett called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Jett determined quorum present.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE (PRC) REPORT

Dr. Booker presented the certification, inspections and audit report.

The following was offered by Dr. Booker in the form of a **Motion**, second by Mr. Carrera:

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

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

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

    a. Charlotte County Jail

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.

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE (JRC) REPORT

Case recommendations

1. Mr. Sherrod read the **Motion** as follows:

The JRC investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The JRC finds that investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** that the following cases be recommended to the Board for closure:

Case number 24-0028
Case number 24-0030
Case number 24-0032
Case number 24-0036
Case number 24-0037
Case number 24-0044
Case number 24-0029
Case number 24-0005
Case number 24-0018
Case number 24-0022

Motion by Mr. Sherrod, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.

2. Mr. Sherrod read the **Motion** as follows:

The Jail Review Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Jail Review Committee finds that the investigation did reveal evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. However, the Jail Review Committee finds that the corrective actions taken by the jail appropriately address the substance of the violation such that no further measures are necessary. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** that the following cases be recommended to the Full Board for closure:

Case number 24-0016
Case number 24-0011

Motion by Mr. Sherrod, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Flaherty 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 accommodation 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. Board members with legislative suggestions are to communicate with their respective Committee Chair for consideration.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon a **Motion** by Mr. Hackworth and second by Mr. Carrera the meeting was adjourned.