COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APPROVED JULY 16, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2025; 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Superintendent Chris Smith, Vice Chair

PRESENT

Dr. Cleopatra Lightfoot-Booker
Michael Carrera
David Hackworth
Tiffany Jenkins
The Honorable Charles Jett
Dr. Anita Maybach
Jessica Vermont
Robyn DeSocio, State Compensation Board
Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst
Alison Lautz, Death Investigator
Gerald Olson, Architect
James Parks, Department of Corrections
John Rock, Death Investigator

CALL TO ORDER

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

Motion by Mr. Hackworth to approve minutes of the March 19, 2025, Committee meeting, second by Dr. Booker. Unanimous approval.

STATE COMPENSATION BOARD

Robyn DeSocio reported items in the final budget:

- 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.

Ms. DeSocio shared the Compensation Board's ongoing collaboration with U.S. Veterans Affairs regarding incarcerated veterans.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

James Parks provided the offender management report:

- 1034 out of compliance inmates
  - 931 males
  - 103 females

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Brian Flaherty reviewed the annual Capacity Report. Communication was shared with facilities to request information, due to BLRJ July 2, 2025.

BLRJ will collaborate with stakeholders to solicit input regarding:

- Telehealth (SB 1039)
- Jail ID (HB 2221)

Mr. Flaherty reported on the intent to initiate a conversation with stakeholders regarding the issue of complaints and identify best practices and challenges.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MANAGER UPDATE

Tawana Ferguson explained that facilities must provide compliance documentation prior to inspection/audit.

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Smith shared information regarding budget considerations which impact the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and the American Jail Association audits.

Mr. Hackworth reported there are references to PREA in design standards.

Ms. DeSocio and Mr. Hackworth discussed incarcerated inmates and overhead recovery for federal inmates.

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