COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2025; 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Superintendent Chris Smith, Vice Chair

PRESENT

Captain Charles Carey
Michael Carrera
David Hackworth
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
Ryan Moore
Roland Sherrod, Jr.
Lieutenant Joseph Tucker

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-Holliday, Executive Secretary
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT
Briana Bill, Department of Health (VDH)
Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Mike Duke, Gang Unit, Department of Corrections (DOC)
James Parks, DOC
Major James Pritchett, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Flaherty introduced and welcomed recently appointed Board members The Honorable John McLaughlin, Jr., and Mr. Ryan Moore. Mr. Flaherty shared that Board member Mr. Roland Sherrod was reappointed by Governor Youngkin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Carrera to approve minutes of the May 21, 2025, Committee meeting, second by Mr. Moore. Unanimous approval.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mr. Parks provided the offender management report:

- 1039 out of compliance inmates
  - 988 males
  - 51 females

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Flaherty reviewed the annual Capacity Report. Communication was shared with facilities to request information, due to BLRJ July 2, 2025. BLRJ will attempt to collect information. The report is due October 1, 2025.

BLRJ will collaborate with stakeholders to solicit input regarding:

- Telehealth (SB 1039)
  - survey due from facilities August 1, 2025.
- Jail ID (HB 2221)
  - BLRJ convened stakeholder meeting at DOC HQ June 23, 2025
  - Survey electronically distributed July 1, 2025
  - Survey closed July 17, 2025
  - Virtual meeting with stakeholders July 18, 2025
- Jail Policies (HB 2105) policies for reports of violence due to BLRJ January 1, 2026
- Virtual Court Report (Budget Bill) in collaboration with the State Compensation Board due June 30, 2026

DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Flaherty provided an update of the MOU with the VDH and welcomed Briana Bill, Environmental Health Coordinator. Ms. Bill and Mr. Flaherty reported successful collaboration between BLRJ and VDH.

2. Mr. Duke, DOC Criminal Street Gang Unit, shared the importance of recognizing and reporting gang members in jails. Mr. Duke offered training opportunities to local and regional facilities in order to recognize gangs. The Committee discussed the need for funding in order to accomplish the multiple tasks required of jail staff.

3. Mr. Flaherty shared the Board's action of support for a BLRJ bi-monthly newsletter, the first edition is scheduled for distribution July 18, 2025.

4. Mr. Flaherty reported that Sheriff Casey (Alexandria) requests the Board consider a more comprehensive annual report to include corrective action.

5. Superintendent Smith shared information of a scam recently noted in jails. Individuals telephoned inmates' family members and identified themselves as jail staff to notify the family member to provide money for the inmate to participate in programs.

6. Superintendent Smith referenced recent legislation regarding restraint of pregnant inmates. BLRJ will develop regulatory language to align with requirements of the Code of Virginia (COV).

7. Superintendent Smith asked if BLRJ plans to adjust the requirement of 6VAC15-40-1045 of 2 security rounds per hour. General discussion indicated the issue will be included in ongoing regulatory review.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Carrera, second by Mr. Hackworth. Unanimous approval.