COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
MINUTES

APPROVED JULY 15, 2026
AMENDED SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2026; 9:30 AM

LOCATION

Middle River Regional Jail, 350 Technology Drive, Staunton, VA 24401

PRESIDING

David Hackworth, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Charles Carey
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
Roland Sherrod, Jr.
Jessica Vermont

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Carrera
Dr. Anita Maybach
Ryan Moore
Dr. Sarah Scarbrough
Chief Joseph Tucker

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Keischer Brittingham, Regulatory Compliance Analyst
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director
Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator
Gerald Olson, Architect
John Rock, Jail Death Investigator
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General
Demetrice Tyler-Holliday, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Colonel Richard Alsbrook, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail
Major Michael Amer, Richmond City Sheriff's Office (RCSO)
Alisha Banks, RCSO
Phillip Braverman, Middle River Regional Jail (MRRJ)
Major Wyatt Brown, MRRJ
Sheriff Wayne Davis, Henry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO)
Lt. Colonel Tony Heflin, MRRJ
Captain Amber Hostetter, MRRJ
Major Charles Irvine, MRRJ

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Sheriff Antionette V. Irving, RCSO
Deputy Secretary Jacquelyn Katson
Superintendent R. Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Captain Todd Lloyd, MRRJ
Doris Moseley, RCSO
Captain James Ramsey, MRRJ
Captain Kelly Redd, HCSO
Colonel Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail
Sergeant Jayneka Stancel, RCSO
Colonel Eric Young, MRRJ

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

Mr. Hackworth recognized and thanked Colonel Young for hosting the May 20, 2026, BLRJ meeting at the Middle River Regional Jail. This is the first BLRJ meeting convened away from the Richmond headquarters. Colonel Young welcomed BLRJ and extended thanks for the opportunity to share the extraordinary staff and programs of the jail.

Mr. Hackworth welcomed Jacquelyn Katson, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin to approve minutes of the March 18, 2026, Board meeting, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO RECESS

Motion to recess by Mrs. Vermont, second by Mr. McLaughlin. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene Board meeting by Mrs. Jenkins, second by Mrs. Vermont. Unanimous approval.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **Motion**: The following was offered by Mr. Sherrod as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin.

   A. Motion to Close Cases **With no Violations**:

   i. **Motion**: On April 24, 2026, the Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds the investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** the following cases for closure:

   Case number #25-0022
   Case number #25-0046
   Case number #25-0049
   Case number #26-0012
   Case number #26-0014

   Unanimous approval.

   ii. **Motion**: The following was offered by Mr. Sherrod as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin.

   Motion: On May 20, 2026, the Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds the investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** the following cases for closure:

   Case number #25-0026
   Case number #25-0039
   Case number #25-0054
   Case number #26-0016

Unanimous approval.

B. Motion to Close Cases **With Violations Properly Addressed**:

i. **Motion**: The following was offered by Mr. Sherrod as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion: On April 24, 2026, the Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds that the investigation revealed evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with Board regulations; however, the Committee further finds that corrective actions taken by the facility appropriately addressed the Committee's concern. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** the following cases for closure:

Case number #25-0019
Case number #25-0021
Case number #25-0023
Case number #25-0025
Case number #25-0029
Case number #25-0030
Case number #25-0042

Unanimous approval.

ii. **Motion**: The following was offered by Mr. Sherrod as a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Vermont.

Motion: On May 20, 2026, the Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds that the investigation revealed evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with Board regulations; however, the Committee further finds that corrective actions taken by the facility appropriately addressed the Committee's concern. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** the following cases for closure:

Case number #22-0060
Case number #22-0066
Case number #23-0003

Unanimous approval.

POLICY AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Certification, Inspections and Audit Report

Motion: The following was offered by Mrs. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin.

a. **Motion**: As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** unconditional certification for the following facilities:
   i. Henry County Adult Detention Center

Unanimous approval.

Motion: The following was offered by Mrs. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Vermont.

b. **Motion**: As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** suspension of the 2026 annual inspections for the following facilities:
   i. Henry County Adult Detention Center

Unanimous approval.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT
Gerald Olson, Board Architect

A. Middle River Regional Jail Generator Upgrade Project

Motion: The following was offered by Mr. McLaughlin as a **Motion**, second by Captain Carey.

i. **Motion:** The Board **APPROVES** Middle River Regional Jail's request for State funding for generator upgrades in the facility. This motion recognizes a total eligible cost of $821,382 of which up to 25% or $205,346 would be eligible for State reimbursement in a lump sum payment. Such reimbursement is subject to the availability of funds and compliance with Board Standards for Planning, Design, Construction and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities, 2018, and §§53.1-80 through 82, COV.

Yea votes:	Captain Carey Mrs. Jenkins Mr. McLaughlin Mr. Sherrod Mrs. Vermont	Nay votes:	None

Mr. Hackworth abstained from this vote.

B. Portsmouth One-Year Extension Request

Motion: The following was offered by Mrs. Vermont as a **Motion**, second by Captain Carey.

i. **Motion:** The Board **APPROVES** the City of Portsmouth's request for a one-year extension for the Portsmouth City Jail Renovation and Upgrades project, approved by the Board on May 15, 2024, in accordance with 6VAC15-81-410.

Yea votes:	Captain Carey Mrs. Jenkins Mr. McLaughlin Mr. Sherrod Mrs. Vermont	Nay votes:	None

Mr. Hackworth abstained from this vote.

BLRJ FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Flaherty reported that BLRJ has expended 89.3% of the FY26 budget.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

BLRJ was invited to join Colonel Young for a tour of Middle River Regional Jail upon adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mrs. Jenkins. Unanimous approval.