COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
MINUTES

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

July 15, 2026; 9:30 AM

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, VA 23235

PRESIDING

David Hackworth, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Carey
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
Joseph Tucker
Jessica Vermont

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sarah Scarbrough
Roland Sherrod, Jr

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Keischer Brittingham, Regulatory Compliance Analyst
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst
Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator
Asean Lundy, Regulatory Compliance Analyst
Gerald Olson, Architect
John Rock, Jail Death Investigator
Demetrice Tyler-Holliday, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Colonel Richard Alsbrook, Southwest Virginia Regional Jail
Lieutenant Tracey L. Avery, Portsmouth City Sheriff's Office (PCSO)
Anthony Bell, Citizen of the Commonwealth
Superintendent Jeffrey Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Captain Katrina Evans, PCSO
G. Mantovani Gary, M.D., Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)
Captain Joshua Hoddings, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO)
Sergeant Justin Humphries, LCSO
Master Deputy, Bruce Johnson, LCSO
Major Eric K. Jones, CCSO
Sheriff Karl Leonard, CCSO

Superintendent R. Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Mosier, LCSO
Major Terrence Riddick, PCSO

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

REAPPOINTMENTS AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Flaherty announced Governor Spanberger's reappointment of Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Scarbrough to the Board.

Mr. Flaherty welcomed Asean Lundy to the BLRJ Team as Regulatory Compliance Analyst.

APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Vermont to approve minutes of the May 20, 2026, Board meeting, second by Mr. Carey. Unanimous approval.

RICHMOND CITY JUSTICE CENTER

Motion by Mrs. Vermont to approve release of the Richmond City Justice Center compliance plan:

> **Motion:** On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, the Policy & Regulations Committee recommended to release Richmond City Justice Center from the compliance plan dated November 15, 2023. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** the State Board of Local and Regional Jails release the compliance plan with Richmond City Justice Center dated November 15, 2023, to include the November 19, 2025, six-month extension.
>
> Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO RECESS

Motion to recess by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Ms. Jenkins. Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene Board meeting by Mr. McLaughlin, 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. Carey as a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Vermont.

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

      i. **Motion**: On July 15, 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 #25-0034
Case number #25-0043
Case number #25-0050
Case number #26-0003
Case number #26-0010
Case number #26-0023
Case number #26-0026

      Unanimous approval.

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

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

      Motion: On July 15, 2026, the Committee investigated the following case 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 case for closure:

Case number #25-0048

Unanimous approval.

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

Motion: On July 15, 2026, the Committee investigated the following case 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 case for closure:

Case number #25-0053

Yays: Mr. Hackworth
Mr. Carey
Ms. Jenkins
Mr. McLaughlin
Mrs. Vermont

Nays:

Mr. Tucker abstained from this vote.

POLICY AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Certification, Inspections and Audit Report

Motion: The following was offered by Ms. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mr. Carey.

a. **Motion**: As a result of 100% compliance with Board standards, I **MOVE** unconditional certification for the following facilities:
   i. Eastern Shore Regional Jail
   ii. Floyd County Lock-up
   iii. Grayson County Lock-up
   iv. Loudoun County Adult Detention Center

Unanimous approval.

Motion: The following was offered by Ms. 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. Eastern Shore Regional Jail
    ii. Floyd County Lock-up
    iii. Grayson County Lock-up
    iv. Loudoun County Adult Detention Center

    Unanimous approval.

    Motion: The following was offered by Ms. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mr. Carey.

c. **Motion:** I **MOVE** unconditional certification for the following facilities:
    i. Chesterfield County Jail
    ii. Portsmouth City Jail
    iii. Southampton County Jail and Annex

    Unanimous approval.

B. Regulatory Review

a. 6VAC15-40-680 & HB 126, Inmate Access to Counsel

Motion: The following was offered by Ms. Jenkins as a **Motion**, second by Mr. Carey.

d. **Motion:** On Wednesday, July 15, 2026, the Policy & Regulations Committee recommends Board approval to continue moving these regulations through the promulgation process in adherence to APA 2.2-4000. NOW, THEREFORE, I **MOVE** Board approval of draft regulations.

Unanimous approval.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

A. Norfolk City Jail Renovation and Upgrade Project

Motion by Mr. Carey, second by Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion – The Board of Local and Regional Jails **APPROVES** the Norfolk City Jail's request for state funding for the Medical Upgrades in their facility. This motion recognizes a total eligible cost of $580,912.00 of which up to 25% or $145,228.00 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 Sections 53.1-80 through 82 of the Code of Virginia.

Yay votes:	Mr. Carey Ms. Jenkins Mr. McLaughlin Mr. Tucker Mrs. Vermont	Nay Votes:

Mr. Hackworth abstained from this vote.

B. Pamunkey Regional Jail Roof Renovation

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mr. Carey:

Motion – The Board of Local and Regional Jails **APPROVES** the Pamunkey Regional Jail's request for state funding for the Roof Renovation at their facility. This motion recognizes a total eligible cost of $2,260,000 of which up to 25% or $565,000 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 Sections 53.1-80 through 82 of the Code of Virginia.

Unanimous approval.

BLRJ FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Flaherty reported the Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) Financial Management & Reporting Unit has reported that BLRJ has expended 97.9% of the FY26 budget, representing $20,356 savings to DOC.

Mr. Hackworth reported that upcoming budget proposals are ongoing and are due to DOC July 15, 2026.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- September 9, 2026
  - 9:30 AM
  - 3rd Floor Probation & Parole Board Room
  - 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, VA 23235

- November 18, 2026
  - 9:30 AM
  - Norfolk City Sheriff's Office

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Flaherty shared the progress of the BLRJ website redesign and update. Mr. Hackworth added that including links to individual facilities has improved user service.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Tucker, second by Mr. McLaughlin. Unanimous approval.

6VAC15-40-680. Visitation

Visitation policies and procedures shall be posted publicly and include:

A. Maximum visiting opportunities are limited only by safety, personnel constraints, inmate disciplinary status, and technical difficulties associated with non-contact virtual visits.

B. Procedures for visitation eligibility, approval process, scheduling (including some evenings and weekend days), screening and searches, alternative visitation methods, denials, restrictions, and process for making formal complaints.

C. Specific requirements for visitor registration, identification, and appropriate attire.

D. List of approved items that visitors may bring into the facility. Items brought into the facility by visitors for inmates shall be subject to inspections and approval.

New Regulation (required by law)
6VAC15-40-685 Legal Visits

Legal visit policies and procedures shall be posted publicly and include:

A. Attorneys and legal representatives of law firms with a current attorney-client relationship with the inmate may be afforded maximum visiting opportunities that are limited only by safety, personnel constraints, and technical difficulties associated with non-contact virtual visits.

B. Procedures for visitation eligibility, approval process, scheduling (including some nights and weekends), screening and searches, alternative visitation methods, denials, restrictions, and process for making formal complaints.

C. Specific requirements for visitor registration, identification, and appropriate attire.

D. List of approved items that visitors may bring into the facility. Items brought into the facility by visitors for inmates shall be subject to inspections and approval.

E. Attorneys shall be permitted to have confidential and secure legal counsel visits inside the facility, by telephone, or by video conference with their clients. Conditions for inmate visits with an attorney or a legal representative must maintain the confidentiality of the attorney-client conversations, not be recorded, or monitored all while ensuring proper security and sight supervision.

F. Any denial or postponement of legal visit by the facility shall be supported by rationale and counsel be promptly notified. The rationale shall be approved by the agency administrator or designee and, upon request, provided in writing to the attorney or legal staff whose visit was denied or postponed.