COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

July 15, 2026; 10:30 AM

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, VA 23235

PRESIDING

Joseph Tucker

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Carey
David Hackworth
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
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, Death Investigator
Asean Lundy, Regulatory Compliance Analyst
Gerald Olson, Architect
John Rock, 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

Chief Tucker called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. McLaughlin to approve minutes of the May 20, 2026, Committee meeting, second by Mr. Carey. Unanimous approval.

DISCUSSION

Presentation by Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAAS), Nick Galvin, Program Manager:

- "5121-Youth & Young Adult Medicaid Reentry Benefit Overview" is a new federal requirement to provide certain medical and behavioral health screenings, diagnostic services, and case management services for Medicaid eligible juvenile youth (post-adjudication, post-sentencing) in public institutions pre-release and immediately post-release.
- Applies to local and regional jails.
- Phase 1, July 2026: Program begins with individuals releasing from DOC custody. Most individuals released will be 18+.
- Phase 2, Spring 2027: Program expands to include individuals releasing from DJJ custody.
- Phase 3, Late 2027/Early 2028: Program expands to include individuals releasing from local and regional jails.
- ReEntry@dmas.virginia.gov

OFENDER MANAGEMENT SERVICES UPDATE: Jim Parks

Out of compliance males:	993
Out of compliance females:	19
Total	1012

INMATE ACCESS TO COUNSEL/HB 126 & 6VAC15-40-680

Mr. Flaherty shared the Board is required to have regulations completed by January 1, 2027, and those regulations must adhere to the APA 2.2-4000. Collaboration included the patron, VSA, VARJ, and the Indigent Defense Commission. This draft is an attempt to find common ground and feasibility while conforming with law.

ANNUAL CAPACITY REPORT

a. Mandate: Item 385 D., 2026-2028 Biennial Budget

b. Survey distributed June 30, 2026
c. Due July 31, 2026

REPORTING REQUIREMENT. PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM RESTRAINTS (HB861)

a. Requires facility provide BLRJ quarterly summary of written reports of restraints of inmates known to be pregnant and restraints of prisoners during postpartum recovery.
b. Requires specific information submitted to the State Compensation Board quarterly through the Local Inmate Data System (LIDS).
c. Incorporated into Q3 CQI reporting.

EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS) BAN

Effective July 1, 2026, Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), known as Styrofoam, is banned from food service. This is a result of a phased-in initiative by the 2021 General Assembly and is in full effect this year. The Code of Virginia includes in the definition of a "food vendor:" ". …any other person who provides prepared food; and any individual, organization, group, or state or local government entity that regularly provides food as a part of its services." Jails are encouraged to implement suggested options available from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ): DEQ Foam-Free Resources. https://www.deq.virginia.gov/land-waste/waste-management/litter-prevention/foam-free-resources

a. COV §10.1-1414 Definitions
b. COV §10.1-1424.3. Expanded polystyrene food service containers prohibited; civil penalty.

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT Reporting

a. Quarter 1 report updated to the BLRJ website
b. Response rate 40%
c. Mr. Hackworth emphasized the importance of jail participation

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

Mr. Hackworth shared that the Board's January 2027 first meeting will be moved to the first Wednesday of the month, January 6, 2027, to accommodate the General Assembly Session dates. The meeting will be tentatively held at DOC HQ, 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, VA 23235.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Hackworth shared Colonel Smith's retirement from Western Tidewater Regional Jail.

Mr. Hackworth reported ongoing statewide conversations regarding forensic patients undergoing competency and the challenges provided by the many moving pieces of the process. He shared ongoing successful collaboration with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Mr. Hackworth emphasized the importance of CQI reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Captain Carey, second by Mr. Hackworth. 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.