

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Regular Meeting.....January 8, 2019

Location6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Presiding.....Timothy Trent, Chairman

Present..... John F. Anderson, Board of Corrections
William T. Dean, Board of Corrections
Vernie W. Francis, Jr., Board of Corrections
Charles Jett, Board of Corrections
Karen Nicely, Board of Corrections
Rev. Kevin L Sykes, Board of Corrections
Bobby Vassar, Board of Corrections
Steve Goff, Board of Corrections
Kemba Jennings, Board of Corrections
Bill Wilson, RSW Regional Jail
Kevin Kight, Chesapeake City Jail
Joshua Salmon, Blue Ridge Regional Jail
Sheriff Gabe Morgan, Newport News Sheriff's Office
Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield County Jail
Phillip Figura, Office of the Attorney General
Patrick Wilson, Richmond Times Dispatch
James Bruce, Department of Corrections
Rebecca Hancock, Department of Corrections
James Parks, Department of Corrections
Bob Casey, Department of Corrections
Donna Foster, Department of Corrections

The meeting was called to order and Chairman Trent welcomed all attendees.

I. **Committee Chairman**

Chairman Trent called for a motion to approve the September 19, 2018 and November 14, 2018 minutes.

Upon a **MOTION** and duly seconded, the September 19, 2018 and November 14, 2018 minutes were unanimously **APPROVED**.

II. **Funding and Budget Issues (Ms. Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board)**

Ms. deSocio did not attend the November meeting.

III. **Prison/Local Jail Population Report and Jail Construction Update – Mr. Bob Casey**

Mr. Casey reported that Chesapeake Correctional Center is complete and opened in December, 2018. Piedmont Regional Jail has had excessive rain/snow which has held up substantial completion, which is now expected by the end of January. More than half of the concrete site still needs to be poured. It is currently 95% complete. Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail's Phase II, 204-bed expansion, was found to be 7 1/4" higher in elevation than the existing building. Modifications include sloped floors in corridors, raining doors, stair landings and elevator openings. Revised drawings to modify the existing building were submitted for permit in December, 2018. The project is nearing 50% completion with the anticipated completion date remaining March, 2020. Henry County Jail's construction documents were completed in December, 2018. They will advertise for bids January 20, 2019 and receive bids on January 26, 2019. They will award the construction contract and issue NTP on March 26, 2019.

IV. **Offender Management Service Update - Mr. Jim Parks**

Jim Parks reported the out-of-compliance total was 3,308 with 3,078 being male and 230 being female. Currently, 300 beds remain off-line due to the renovation at Keen Mountain and no additional bed-space is planned to be added at this time.

V. **Policy and Initiatives Unit- Dawn Kriigel**

Mr. Bruce reported that the regulatory action of the feminine hygiene bill public comment period ended December 26, 2018. There were 37 comments all of which were positive and the regulation will become effective on January 10, 2019.

VI. **Jail Review Committee**

Steve Goff reported the following statistical data:

2017

40 Cases Total	26 Natural Cause
	10 Suicides
	2 Accidental Overdoses
	2 Homicides

2018

44 Cases Total	30 Natural Cause (this is subject to change)
	9 Suicides
	4 Accidental Overdoses
	1 Auto Accident Prior to Incarceration

Out of 84 cases, 9 facilities have been found non-compliant with BOC Standards. In the near future, this data should be available for review. Mr. Goff noted that the non-compliant findings are primarily a failure to perform rounds in accordance with standards as well as some medical issues.

VII. Other Business

Chairman Trent noted that there were several bills being considered in the General Assembly that would impact local facilities. The committee considered some impacts from this legislation, but the status was not known. It has been updated in parentheses for submission of these minutes.

HB1642-Solitary confinement; data collection and reporting, Department of Corrections to submit report. (passed)

SB1085- Restrictive housing; data collection and reporting, report. (referred to SB1777)

HB1918- Corrections, Board of; minimum standards for health care services in local correctional facilities. (passed)

HB1942- Behavioral health services; exchange of medical and mental health information and records. (awaiting Governor's signature)

I. Other Comments

There being nothing further, by **Motion** duly made and seconded, the meeting was **Adjourned**.