

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING.....May 15, 2024, 11:30 AM

PRESIDING..... Colonel Chris Smith, Committee Vice Chairman

PRESENT.....The Honorable Vernie Francis, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
The Honorable Charles Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Dr. Cleopatra Booker, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Dr. Anita Maybach, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Michael Carrera, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Charles Carey, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Tiffany Jenkins, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Jessica Vermont, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Ryan McCord, Director of Administrative Compliance, Department of Corrections  
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Ashley Gordon, Executive Secretary, Board of Local and Regional Jails  
Jim Parks, Virginia Department of Corrections  
Robyn deSocio, State Compensation Board  
Andy Parker, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General  
Major Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Mike Taylor, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office  
Margaret Hamilton, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office  
Brandi Sparks, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office  
Oscar Meeks, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office  
Dave Arnold, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office  
Royal E. Eanes, Piedmont Regional Jails  
Major Kuanasia Finley, Newport News Sheriff's Office  
Derek Almarode, Rockbridge Regional Jail  
Michael Moore, Portsmouth Sheriff's Office  
Lavonda Graham-Williams, City Attorney of Portsmouth  
Trey Burke, Portsmouth City  
Luke Janir, Moseley Architect  
Tony Bell, Moseley Architect

Colonel Chris Smith, Committee Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

## **Approval of Minutes**

By *Motion* of Mr. Hackworth and duly seconded, the March 13, 2024, committee meeting minutes were approved.

## **Introduction**

Brian Flaherty, BOLRJ Executive Director, introduced himself to the Committee. He updated the Committee with information from the Office of the Attorney General: the Board has authority to investigate inmate deaths in the hospital, the Board does not have authority to investigate inmate deaths if the inmate is on furlough or compassionate release. Mr. Flaherty introduced the Board counsel, Andy Parker of the Office of the Attorney General.

## **State Compensation Board Update**

Ms. Robyn deSocio provided an update from the Compensation Board. The General Assembly approved the final budget for the new fiscal year in a special session held on Monday, March 13, 2024. It includes a 3% salary increase effective July 1, 2024. It does not include any change to the minimum wage. The General Assembly's budget does not require any changes to the budget estimates provided by the Compensation Board March 22. The Compensation Board is working with the DOC probation and parole regarding continuity of care, and the Governor's Transformation Office wishes to incorporate jails in the review. The Compensation Board will reach out to jails to assist.

## **Offender Management Services Update**

Mr. Jim Parks shared an update from DOC. He reported that the out of compliance cases are as follows: Males – 1,022; Females – 107; total – 1,129. Higher number is due to shifting populations to install drug programs at different facilities and preparing Lawrenceville to change from a private prison to a DOC operation August 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to approval of the budget, on July 1<sup>st</sup> inmates will earn more good time and expected to release about 400 inmates.

There being nothing further, by *motion* duly made and seconded, the meeting was *adjourned*.