

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS  
MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING..... May 18, 2022 12:00 P.M

LOCATION.....6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING.....Vernie Francis, Acting Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:     The Honorable Vernie Francis, Chairman  
  John F. Anderson, Jr, Secretary  
  Bobby Vassar, Vice Chairman  
  The Honorable Charles Jett  
  Karen Nicely, LPC  
  Roland Sherrod, CPA  
  Heather Masters, M.D., S.F.H.M., F.A.C.P.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:         Ryan C. McCord

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:       Tawana Ferguson, Jail Inspector  
  Paul Beaupre, Jail Inspector  
  John Rock, Jail Death Investigator  
  Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator  
  Gerald Olson, Architect  
  Alexis Simpson, Executive Secretary

GUEST PRESENT:               Richard Vorhis  
  Diantha McKeel  
  Martin Kumer  
  Tony Bell  
  Chris Roman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairman Francis determined there was a quorum present.

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**APPROVAL OF MARCH BOARD MINUTES**

The March 16, 2022 minutes were approved by John Anderson and Seconded by Charlie Jett.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail - Community Based Corrections Plan

Attendees

1. Diantha McKeel, Chair of the ACRJ Authority Board
2. Martin Kumer, Superintendent
3. Tony Bell, Moseley Architects
4. Chris Roman, Moseley Architects

**JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Jett read the motion below as follows**

The Jail Review Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Jail Review Committee finds that investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE that the following cases be recommended to the Full Board for closure:

- i. 19-0039
- ii. 20-0005
- iii. 20-0014
- iv. 20-0021
- v. 20-0024
- vi. 20-0027
- vii. 20-0031
- viii. 20-0038

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Jett and duly seconded, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

**1. Compliance, Certification and Accreditation**

- a. Tawana Ferguson - Certifications Report Presentation
- b. **Motion** - I make the following recommendation in the form of a Motion:  
Unconditional certification as a result of 100% compliance with Board standards for the following facilities:
  - i. Prince William-Manassas Adult Detention Center
  - ii. Danville Adult Detention Center
  - iii. Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority-Tazewell Adult Detention Center
  - iv. Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority – Lynchburg Adult Detention Center
- c. **Motion** - In recognition of the outstanding achievements of 100% compliance with Board standards, I make the following recommendation in the form of a Motion: Suspension of the 2022 annual inspections for the following facilities:
  - i. Prince William-Manassas Adult Detention Center (100% Compliance)
  - ii. Danville Adult Detention Center (100% Compliance)
  - iii. Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority – Tazewell Adult Detention Center (100% Compliance)
  - iv. Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority – Lynchburg Adult Detention Center (100% Compliance)
  - v.
- d. **Motion** - I make the following recommendations in the form of a Motion:  
Unconditional certification as a result of 100% to include re-certification to hold male and female juveniles in accordance with §16.1-249.G of the Code of Virginia for the following facilities:
  - i. Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority – Lynchburg Adult Detention Center
- e. **Motion** – I make the following recommendations in the form of a Motion:  
Unconditional certification for the following facility:
  - i. Middle River Regional Jail

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2. Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Vassar and Mr. Jett and duly seconded, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

**Public Comment**

From Middle River Regional Jail:

Middle River prepared additional facts and circumstances regarding a recent inspection for Board of Local and Regional Jail for consideration. The attendees were-

- a. Major Lori Nicholson
- b. Lieutenant Robyn Marshall
- c. Officer David Kane

There being no further business to discuss before the Board of Local and Regional Jails, upon a *Motion* by Chairman Francis and duly seconded, the meeting was *adjourned*.