

UNOFFICIAL NOTES DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

MIDDLE PENINSULA JUVENILE DETENTION COMMISSION

Meeting of July 25, 2025

A meeting of the Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission was held on July 25, 2025, at 11:05 A.M. Chair, Randy Wheeler called the meeting to order. The following persons were present:

Jay Brown – Hanover County
Barbara Damerson- Williamsburg City
Rodney Hathaway – New Kent County
Sharon McCarthy – James City County
Hope Mothershead – Richmond County
Sheri Newcomb – York County
Jim Taylor – Westmoreland County
Randall Wheeler – Poquoson City

Eric Gregory – Counsel (by phone)
Gina Mingee – Executive Director
Kris Walker – Clerk

Absent:

Meredith Adkins – King & Queen County
Randy Crittenden – Middlesex County
Stacey Davenport – King William County
Don Gill – Lancaster County
Sidney Johnson – Essex County
Alan Partin – Caroline County
Luttrell Tadlock – Northumberland County
Ramona Wilson – Mathews County
Steve Wright – Gloucester County

Mr. Wheeler opened the meeting and determined that a quorum was not present, so no action on agenda items may be taken. Mr. Wheeler stated that if a quorum was not present after Ms. Mingee presents the Director's Report, the meeting would adjourn.

Re: Director's Report

Ms. Mingee reported Senator Marsden is moving forward with the study to consolidate detention centers and decrease the number of teachers in detention centers. Members of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) have visited Fairfax County Detention Center and Northern Virginia Detention Center, with follow-up meetings anticipated in the Hampton Roads area.

Ms. Mingee reported that the Department of Budget and Planning allocated funding from the general fund for a one-time bonus payment of 1.5 percent to detention center staff. The bonus can be provided; however, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is uncertain about the amount of funding that will be allocated for the bonuses. At the last Executive Committee meeting it was decided to postpone the bonus until more information is received on how much funding will be available. The bonuses would equate to \$53,000 and would require a budget amendment.

Ms. Mingee reported that the three-year Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit is taking place today and yesterday, with no concerns thus far.

Ms. Mingee reported that the gym air conditioner is not working and needs to be replaced. The current purchasing policy allows the Director to approve professional services up to \$50,000 unless it is an

emergency. The cost for the new air conditioner is \$69,000. Ms. Mingee was granted the authority to declare the broken air conditioner an emergency so the contract for a new system can be signed.

Ms. Mingee reported that the Executive Committee recommended an amendment to the FY25 budget for the use of the unbudgeted funds of \$154,000 received for Individual Bed Placements. The funds were spread across the budget to the purchase of bed space, health and dental insurance, food supplies, and other small areas of the budget.

Re: Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:17 AM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall Wheeler', is written over a horizontal line.

Randall Wheeler, Chair
Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission