

Final Meeting Minutes
Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23228

May 24, 2023
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Tom Sadler Chaired the meeting for Mr. Vincent, Mr. G. K. Washington, **Absent:** Mr. Brian Vincent; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. Jon Cooper, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. George Terwilliger and Mr. John Daniel, Ms. Tammy Franklin (virtual); **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Bob Smet, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. George Braxton, (virtual).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was a quorum present for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023, committee meeting. Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023, meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler. Ayes: Washington & Sadler

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item. Hearing none, the Chair continued with the meeting.

Virginia Conservation Police Relevancy Plan: The Chair called on Colonel John Cobb for a presentation.

Colonel John Cobb presented the Law Enforcement Relevancy Plan.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for the information on the Relevancy Plan.

Law Enforcement Chief Update: The Chair called on Colonel John Cobb for an Update.

Colonel John Cobb gave a Law Enforcement Update:

- We currently have 25 recruits, now in week 18 (Graduation on July 20)

- Academy Sergeant left agency (interviews next week)
- Fleet Management Update – challenging to have 25 vehicles ready by graduation
 - Support Services Major left agency (Notice of Vacancy goes out tomorrow)
- In terms of CPO Retention, during the recent 8 weeks stretch, eight officers left agency
 - Since June of last year, total of 20 CPO's left agency (only 4 retirements)
- Plan to start next officer recruitment soon with 25 recruits beginning February 25, 2024
- Last week attended WV Natural Resource Police K-9 Graduation; we trained 6 officers and their dogs over 9 weeks
 - First time they have had a K-9 Program in their 125 year history
 - Presented items that WV Natural Resources presented Law for their help

Director's Report: The Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown for his Director's Report.

The Director reported:

- In lieu of time, will give Law Report at Board meeting

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked the Colonel for his presentation and all of his updates..

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 16, 2023, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frances Boswell