

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

August 20, 2025
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Will Wampler, **Chair,** Mr. George Terwilliger, Mr. James Maclin, Mr. James Edmunds and Mr. Michael Formica; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Jon Cooper, Ms. Marlee Dance, Mr. Parker Slaybaugh; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. George Braxton, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Stacey Brown, Ms. Shelby Crouch, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Mr. Michael Lipford, Mr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Bob Smet.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 May 21, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the May 21, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Maclin second the motion. Ayes: Wampler, Edmunds, Formica, Terwilliger, Maclin

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item.

- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke regarding Hound hunting
- Mr. Mike Carter spoke regarding Hound hunting
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding Hound hunting
- Mr. Judge Charlton (virtual) spoke regarding Hound hunting

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

W3 Natural Resources Training Academy – Progress Report: The Chair called on Colonel John Cobb for a presentation.

Colonel Cobb gave a presentation on the progress on the W3 Natural Resources Training Academy.

Speakers:

- Mr. Rich Goszka spoke regarding the DWR training academy

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his presentation.

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

Colonel Cobb reported:

1. VLEPSC State Re-Accreditation (First Term) - Next Week
 - On-site Assessment of last four years, including:
 - Static Display and Ride-alongs
 - Facility and Evidence Inspection
 - File Review and Proof Compliance
2. Current Basic Academy Update (w/MRC enrollment)
 - On Week 24, 13 of 14 DWR Recruits (4 of 5 MRC Recruits) - 17 total
 - They are in Boat Operations Training this week (Buggs Island)
 - 14th Basic Academy Graduation on September 12
 - Fairmount Christian Church (6502 Creighton Rd, Mechanicsville)
 - Doors open at 1:30 pm - Program starts at 2:00 pm
3. Current Recruitment Effort for 15th Basic Academy (February 25)
 - We received 418 completed applications
 - Applicants were then asked to complete a brief personal history questionnaire, and we received 213 responses
 - Based on further screening and the results of the written examination and the physical fitness testing, we currently have 97 applicants
 - They will be moving onto interviews on September 2-5
 - Followed by background investigations and polygraphs

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his update.

Mr. Edmunds, and other board members had a brief discussion on “open field doctrine” that other states have for law enforcement and their concerns for Virginia law enforcement.

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

The Director reported: In the essence of time Director Brown deferred his report.

Chair's Report: Mr. Wampler thanked the Board Chairman for being appointed to Chair the Law Enforcement Committee and appreciates the opportunity.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 22, 2025, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell