

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

October 22, 2025
1:45 pm

Present: Mr. Will Wampler, **Chair**, Mr. George Terwilliger, Mr. James Maclin, Mr. James Edmunds and Mr. Michael Formica, (absent); **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. Bob Smet, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:45 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 August 20, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Terwilliger made a motion to approve the August 20, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Edmunds seconded the motion. Ayes: Wampler, Edmunds, Terwilliger, Maclin

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

- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding Hound hunting

The Chair thanked Mr. Kimberlin for his comments.

VLEPSC First Re-Accreditation: The Chair called on Captain Rob Ham for a presentation.

Captain Ham gave a presentation on VLEPSC on the First Re-Accreditation for Law Enforcement.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Captain Ham for his presentation.

Operation Midnight Express (OME) Summary: The Chair called on Major Ryan Shuler for a summary.

Major Ryan Shuler gave a summary of Operation Midnight Express (OME) Summary.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked major Shuler for his Summary.

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

Colonel Cobb reported:

1. Recruitment Effort for 15th Basic Academy (February 25)
 - 13 officers in the Field Training Program (14 weeks)
 - We are 12 vacant positions below 172 sworn officers
 - Completing background investigations and polygraphs (~45 left)

2. W3 Natural Resources Training Academy / Facility Progress Update
 - WFV have determined the potential building site / Continue discussions with County Zoning / Detailed Proposal for DWR Board Consideration expected during the first half of 2026
 - Awaiting Major Power Company “no cost” Proposal for Solar Panel installation to reduce operating cost of this potential building
 - NWTf Potential W3 Partnership – To assist with furnishing this potential building (discussed them funding all the furniture in the 32 dorm rooms at a cost of \$80,000 + \$20,000 for W3 programming); in addition, they would have some interest in renting this facility
 - Continue to build W3 Business Plan to include a detailed list of dorm room rentals that can be expected if this training facility opens

3. NAWLEA (North American Wildlife Law Enforcement Accreditation) Update
 - As the Board Chairman, I will have the honor at the SEAFWA Awards Banquet next week to formally present first accreditation certificates to:
 1. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 2. Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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

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

- Congratulated the Law Enforcement graduates and complimented how well organized and what a nice venue the graduation was, appreciated the Law staff on their work and efforts.

Chair's Report: Mr. Wampler thanked the Law Enforcement Division for the work they do around the state.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell