

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

January 22, 2025
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Michael Formica, **Chair**, Mr. Terwilliger, and Mr. Cooper; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. Will Wampler, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Ms. Laura Walters; **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, Mr. Bob Smet, Ms. Shelby Crouch

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 August 21, 2024, and October 23, 2024, committee meetings. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the August 21, 2024, and October 23, 2024, committee meetings. Mr. Terwilliger second the motion. Ayes: Formica, Terwilliger, Cooper

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

- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke regarding Hound Hunting

The Chair thanked Mr. Carter for his comments.

NASBLA Port Security Grant Training: The Chair called on Lt. Travis Murray for a presentation.

Lt. Travis Murray gave a presentation on Port Security Grant Training explaining who attended and the Goals and the Achievements of the 6 courses. 102 Police officers Trained, and 11 State and local Agencies participated.

CPO Recruitment and Selection Update: The Chair called on Major Milt Robinson for an Update on the upcoming recruitment class.

Major Robinson gave an update on the upcoming recruiting class starting on March 10, 2025, and looking to hire 15 new CPOs. VMRC officers will be training with us in this class.

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

Colonel Cobb reported:

- 41 Hunting Incidents this past hunting season
- 6,000 Hunter Calls this season during hunting season
- Received several Officer accommodations
- 9 canines and handlers - Working with Ward Burton Foundation

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.

The Director reported:

- Looking forward to having VMRC officers in our recruitment class
- Presented a Resolution to the Committee from a Bill at the General Assembly for better retirement for CPOs to change from Valors Retirement to Spores Retirement

The Law Committee Chair, Mr. Michael Formica made a motion, I move that the Law Enforcement Committee endorse the CPO Enhanced Retirement benefits from Valors to Spores, it was second by Mr. Cooper. Ayes: Formica, Cooper, Terwilliger

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked Law Enforcement staff for their presentations and always is appreciative of hearing the great work from law staff and congratulated their new recruitment class beginning on March 10, 2025.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell