

# **Juvenile Detention Commission for Northern Virginia**

## **Special Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 12, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Conklin called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

### **ATTENDEES**

**Members present:** Mr. Earl Conklin (Arlington – Chairperson) Mrs. Marguarite Gooden (Arlington) Mrs. Sonnja Brown (Alexandria) Mr. Yon Lambert (Alexandria)

**Staff present:** Ms. Johnitha McNair, Mr. Ian Rachal, Mr. Jahi Banks, Ms. Emily Anne Reiney, Mr. Leroy White

**Other Attendees:** Mr. Neil Title (Attorney), Christopher Collins (Attorney), Zakiya Worthey of KLamb

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**Status Report on IT/Phone Systems:** Ms. McNair provided a status report on the phone and IT systems. Ms. McNair noted that currently systems are not operating at full capacity due to a change in providers. Ms. McNair stated that currently the new provider has not been able to deliver full functionality for the phones or the computers. Currently mobile phones are being used as well as spotty Wi-Fi within the facility, also personal phones are being used for email. Ms. McNair pointed out that the new provider is used to managing infrastructure that is already in place and the facility's infrastructure requires much work that may be too much to handle. Mr. Lambert inquired if the previous provider could work in the interim. Ms. McNair stated she could inquire. Mr. Lambert asked if the contract was ended for cause. Ms. McNair noted that service provision had deteriorated over time, and the previous provider began charging to come on site which they had not done in the past. Mr. Rachal noted that pre covid, service provision was great but after covid it just went downhill. A discussion followed. Mr. Lambert inquired if anything further should be done about notifying the localities about the status of the systems. Mr. Rachal noted he had been in contact with judges from the jurisdictions. Mr. Rachal pointed out that the video conferencing workstation is operational, the cameras are on a separate server which has never gone down, which means the doors and locks are fully functioning. Mr. Rachal stated that there is no danger to the critical infrastructure pieces. Mr. Conklin stated that something should be shared with the stakeholders, so they are updated and aware of the situation.

Mr. Conklin made a motion to move to executive session, Ms. Gooden seconded the motion, all members were in favor.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

*The Executive Session was certified by Commissioners Conklin, Gooden, Brown, and Lambert that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified by the motion by which the executive session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting of the executive session which concluded at 6:41p.m.*

The regular meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.