



Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Executive Committee

September 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

*The meeting took place at DCJS, 1100 Bank Street, Richmond, Virginia
in the 12th floor Conference Room*

Members Present

Chief Craig Branch, Chair
Sheriff C. O. Balderson
Mr. Tim Coyne, Proxy for Ms. Maria
Jankowski
Mr. Jagdish Katyal, Jr.
The Hon. Bryan Porter, Vice-Chair
Chief Ryan Zuidema

Members Absent

Chief Maggie DeBoard
LTC Kirk Marlowe, Proxy for COL Gary Settle

I. Call to Order

Chairman Craig Branch called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Jagdish Katyal made the motion, seconded by Chief Ryan Zuidema, to accept the minutes of the July 25-26, 2024, meetings of the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

IV. New Business

It was noted at the beginning of these meetings that the purpose of these meetings is for the Executive Committee to hear law enforcement officer decertification appeals. The Executive Committee is now authorized to hold the appeal sessions in a duly convened closed meeting. Following each appeal, the Committee will reconvene in open meeting to take a vote and announce its decision.

Decertification – Mr. Matthew Porpilia, formerly with the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office

Closed Session to discuss the decertification

Mr. Bryan Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tim Coyne, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session pursuant to *Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)55* for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Porpilia. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Closed Session

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jagdish Katyal, that the Executive Committee re-open the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously. All members of the Executive Committee certified that only public business was discussed during the closed session.

Closed Session to meet with Legal Counsel

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coyne, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session pursuant to *Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)8* for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Porpilia with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Closed Session

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coyne, that the Executive Committee re-open the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously. All members of the Executive Committee certified that only matters involving legal advice from counsel were discussed during the closed session.

Motion

Mr. Porter, with misgivings, made the motion, seconded by Mr. Coyne, that the Executive Committee reinstate Mr. Porpilia’ certification as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed (*opposed: Sheriff C. O. Balderson and Chief Craig Branch*).

Decertification – Mr. Abdulrahman Aboutabl, formerly with Virginia State Police

Closed Session to discuss the decertification

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Chief Zuidema, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session pursuant to *Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)55* for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Aboutabl. The motion passed unanimously.

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Closed Session to meet with Legal Counsel

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Out of Closed Session

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Motion

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Mr. Katyal, that the Executive Committee reinstate Mr. Aboutabl's certification as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Mr. Von Gaines, formerly with Virginia State Police

Closed Session to discuss the decertification

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Chief Zuidema, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session pursuant to *Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)55* for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Gaines. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Closed Session

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Closed Session to meet with Legal Counsel

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coyne, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session pursuant to *Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)8* for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Gaines with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Closed Session

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Motion

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson, that the Executive Committee reinstate Mr. Gaines' certification as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will take place on September 27, 2024.