



## **Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Executive Committee**

*January 16, 2025, 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  
Chief Maggie DeBoard  
LTC Kirk Marlowe, Proxy for COL Gary Settle  
The Hon. Bryan Porter, Vice-Chair

### **Members Absent**

Mr. Jagdish Katyal, Jr.  
Chief Ryan Zuidema

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Craig Branch called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bryan Porter made the motion, seconded by Chief Maggie DeBoard, to accept the minutes of the November 21-22, 2024, meetings of the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Old Business**

There was no old business to be discussed.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **Review and Approval of Hate Crimes Grant Program**

Mr. Tracy Matthews, Law Enforcement Grants and Program Manager of DCJS, updated the Executive Committee on DCJS' recommendation for reconsideration of the request from Roanoke City for a Hate Crimes grant.

Chief DeBoard made the motion, seconded by Sheriff C. O. Balderson, to approve the request from City of Roanoke for \$150,000. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Decertification Appeals**

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. Raymond Anderson, formerly with the Portsmouth Police Department**

#### ***Closed Session to discuss the decertification***

Mr. 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. Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Out of Closed Session***

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Sheriff C. O. Balderson, 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 Chief DeBoard, 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. Anderson 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 LTC Kirk Marlowe, 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 made the motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson, that the Executive Committee sustain Mr. Anderson's decertification as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed.

### **Decertification – Mr. Farhan Shahzad, formerly with the Falls Church Police Department**

Mr. Bryan Porter recused himself from this appeal due to his friendship with one of the individuals involved.

#### ***Closed Session to discuss the decertification***

Sheriff Balderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. 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. Shahzad. The motion passed unanimously.

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Sheriff Balderson made a motion, seconded by LTC Marlowe, 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. Shahzad with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

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***Motion***

Chief DeBoard made the motion, seconded by LTC Marlowe, that the Executive Committee sustain the decertification of Mr. Shahzad as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed unanimously.

**Decertification – Mr. Jeremy Gardner, formerly with the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office**

***Closed Session to discuss the decertification***

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)55* for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Gardner. 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. Gardner with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

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Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson, 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. Coyne made the motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard, that the Executive Committee reinstate Mr. Gardner’s certification as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed. *Opposed: Chief Branch and Sheriff Balderson.*

**Decertification – Mr. John Fitzgerald, formerly with the Rockbridge County Sheriff’s Office**

***Closed Session to discuss the decertification***

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson, 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. Fitzgerald. The motion passed unanimously.

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***Motion***

Mr. Coyne made the motion, seconded by Mr. Porter, that the Executive Committee reinstate Mr. Fitzgerald’s certification as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed. *Opposed: Sheriff Balderson.*

**V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m. The next meeting will take place on January 17, 2025.