



Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Executive Committee

November 3, 2023, 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
Chief Maggie DeBoard
Ms. Maria Jankowski
The Hon. Bryan Porter, Vice-Chair

Members Absent

LTC Powers, Proxy for Colonel Gary Settle
Mr. Jagdish Katyal, Jr.
Chief Jeffrey Katz

I. Call to Order

Chairman Craig Branch called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) to order at 10:12 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 September 21-22, 2023, meetings of the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

Chief DeBoard made a motion, seconded by Sheriff C. O. Balderson, to approve a grant award of \$23,780 from the FASP administrative fund for training programs sponsored by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. These funds will be used to support ten full scholarships to small or underfunded law enforcement agencies to attend law enforcement training programs. This grant award went before the Grants Committee but there was a tie. The Executive Committee is being asked to recommend this grant for consideration at the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) meeting on December 7, 2023. The motion passed. *Abstentions: Chief Branch and Ms. Maria Jankowski.*

IV. New Business

Decertification – Mr. Jeffrey Faries – Colonial Heights Police Department

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Erik Smith from the Office of the Attorney General to give a summary of Mr. Faries' certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law

enforcement officer from the Colonial Heights Police Department. Mr. Faries was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Despite multiple continuances and advisement to appear before the Executive Committee for any more continuances, Mr. Faries did not appear before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee then chose to hear available testimony and reviewed all information and arguments presented to include representatives from the Colonial Heights Police Department.

Mr. Bryan Porter made a motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Faries with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Maria Jankowski, 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.

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard that the Executive Committee uphold the decertification of Mr. Faries as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Ms. Elizabeth Harrison – Essex County Sheriff’s Office

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Smith (OAG) to give a summary of Ms. Harrison’s certification status and to present the facts resulting in her decertification as a certified law enforcement officer from the Essex County Sheriff’s Office. Ms. Gordon was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from Ms. Harrison’s counsel as well as representatives from the Essex County Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Bryan Porter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jankowski, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Ms. Harrison with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jankowski, 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.

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson that the Executive Committee uphold the decertification of Ms. Harrison as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Mr. Quanta Perry – Portsmouth Police Department

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Smith (OAG) to give a summary of Mr. Perry’s certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a certified law enforcement officer from the Portsmouth Police Department. Mr. Perry was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from Mr. Perry's counsel and representatives from the Portsmouth Police Department.

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jankowski, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Perry with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard, 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.

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard, that the Executive Committee reinstate the certification of Mr. Perry as a law enforcement officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Ms. Tashina Mial – Henrico County Sheriff's Office

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Smith (OAG) to give a summary of Ms. Mial's certification status and to present the facts resulting in her decertification as a jail officer from the Henrico County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Gordon was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from her counsel and representatives from the Henrico County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jankowski, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Ms. Mial with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard that the Executive Committee uphold the decertification of Ms. Mial as a law enforcement officer. The motion failed in a three to three vote, which made the decertification stand. *Yes: Mr. Porter, Chief DeBoard, and LTC Powers. No: Sheriff Balderson, Ms. Jankowski, and Chief Branch.*

Decertification – Ms. Kihyanna Dominick – Fairfax County Sheriff's Office

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Smith (OAG) to give a summary of Ms. Dominick's certification status and to present the facts resulting in her decertification as a certified law enforcement officer and jail officer from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Dominick was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from representatives from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Bryan Porter made a motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Ms. Dominick with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson that the Executive Committee uphold the decertification of Ms. Dominick as a law enforcement officer. *Opposed: Ms. Jankowski.* The motion passed.

Meeting Dates for 2024 Executive Committee

Ms. Jankowski made a motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard that the Executive Committee approve of the tentative meeting dates listed below. The motion passed unanimously.

- January 18-19, 2024,
- March 28-29, 2024
- May 23-24, 2024
- July 25-26, 2024
- September 26-27, 2024
- November 21-22, 2024

V. Public Comment

Ms. Kimberly Dyke-Harsley expressed concerns over staffing issues at Greensville Correctional Facility, staff and community stresses and safety, as well as the potential for stress related decertification implications.

VI. Adjournment

The next meetings will take place on January 18-19, 2024. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.