

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**

Regular Meeting.....January 8, 2019

Location6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

Presiding.....William Dean, Chairman

Present.....John F. Anderson, Jr., Board of Corrections Member
Vernie W. Francis, Jr., Board of Corrections Member
Charles Jett, Board of Corrections Member
Heath Masters, MD, SFHM, FACP, Board of Corrections Member
Karen Nicely, Board of Corrections Member
Rev. Kevin L. Sykes, Board of Corrections Member
Bobby Vassar, Board of Corrections Member
Phillip Figura, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General
Steve Goff, Board of Corrections
Kemba Jennings, Board of Corrections
Jim Pritchett, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department
Mark Bowes, Richmond Times Dispatch
Patrick Wilson, Richmond Times Dispatch
Mark Gormus, Richmond Times Dispatch
Jim Bruce, Department of Corrections
Rebecca Hancock, Department of Corrections
Paul Haymes, Department of Corrections
Ron Hall, Department of Corrections
Donna Foster, Department of Corrections

The meeting was called to order and Chairman Dean welcomed all attendees.

The December 19, 2018 minutes were brought before the Committee for approval.

Upon a *Motion* by Chairman Dean and duly seconded, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the December 19, 2018 Jail Review Committee meeting minutes.

Public Comment

None

Presentation

Steve Goff, Investigative Analyst presented year-to-date statistics regarding death investigation cases reviewed by the Board of Corrections since the legislation's inception on July 1, 2017.

There were a total of 40 cases reviewed for 2017, 26 deaths were due to natural cases, 10 were suicides, 2 were accidental drug overdoses and 2 were homicides.

There were 44 cases reviewed for 2018, 30 deaths were due to natural causes, 9 were suicides, 4 were accidental drug overdoses and 1 was due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident prior to incarceration.

The document provided to the members is attached.

Closed Session

The following was offered by Mr. Jett as a motion:

I move that the Jail Review Committee begin *CLOSED* session pursuant to Code of Virginia §2.2-3711(A16) to discuss matters lawfully exempt from public disclosure of medical and mental health records.

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Jett and duly seconded, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

Reconvene Open Session

Upon the members' return to open session, Mr. Jett offered the following in the form of a motion:

I move that the Jail Review Committee reconvene our open session having concluded a closed session to discuss medical and mental health matters. I move that this committee and its individual members certify that during the closed session, the Jail Review Committee limited its discussion to public meeting requirements lawfully exempt from the public meeting requirements and identified in the closed session motion. If a member cannot so certify, I ask that the recorder take role.

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Jett and duly seconded, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations. All attending Board of Corrections' members *Certified* that the closed session discussion was limited to legally exempt matters.

General Discussion

The following case will be recommended to the full Board to be ***Closed:***

I move that the following cases were reviewed and revealed no apparent evidence of any act of or by omission by the facility or any employee or agent thereof that may have directly or indirectly contributed to the inmates' deaths. The jails were in compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board of Corrections and no deficiencies noted within the provisions of the Virginia Administrative Code.

Case	Location	Date of Death
18-0036	Prince William/Manassas Regional Jail	4/10/18
18-0048	Martinsville Sheriff's Department	6/16/18
18-0034	Culpeper County Sheriff's Department	3/31/18

Other Comments

There being nothing further, the meeting was ***Adjourned.***

2017 Case Statistics

26	-	Natural Causes
10	-	Suicides
2	-	Accidental Drug Overdoses
2	-	Homicides
<u>40</u>	-	<u>Total Cases (7/1/17 – 12/31/17)</u>

2018 Case Statistics

30	-	Natural Causes*
9	-	Suicides
4	-	Accidental Drug Overdoses
1	-	Injuries from Automobile Accident
<u>44</u>	-	<u>Total Cases (1/1/18 – 12/31/18)</u>

**8 Natural Cause Cases awaiting Autopsy Report for final determination*

Current Cases Pending

15	-	Completed/Pending Presentation to Board
25	-	Under Review (11 awaiting autopsy reports)
<u>40</u>	-	<u>Total Pending</u>

Total Cases since 7/1/17

<u>84</u>	-	<u>Total (44 Cases Closed – 40 Active)</u>
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