

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**

Regular Meeting.....June 16, 2021

LocationAcademy for Staff Development, 1900 River Road, Crozier, Virginia

Presiding.....Vernie Francis, Acting Chairman

Present.....John F. Anderson, Jr. Board of Local & Regional Jails Member
Vernie W. Francis, Jr. Board of Local & Regional Jails Member
Charles Jett, Board of Local & Regional Jails Member
Karen Nicely, LPC, Board of Local & Regional Jails Member
Joanne Peña, Board of Local & Regional Jails Member
Bobby Vassar, Board of Local & Regional Jails Member
Phillip Figura, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General
Ryan McCord, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Mark Sloan, Department of Corrections
Madison Blevins, Department of Corrections
Audrey Michael, Board of Local & Regional Jails
Donna Foster, Department of Corrections

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

The April 14 & 21, 2021 minutes were brought before the Committee for approval.

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Jett and duly seconded, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the April 14 & 21, 2021 Jail Review Committee meeting minutes.

Public Comment

The Disability Law Center of America asked in advance to speak, but there were technical difficulties with the virtual connection.*

Presentation

None

Closed Session

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

I MOVE that the Jail Review Committee begin *CLOSED* session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(16 and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

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

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(F) I MOVE that the presence of the following individuals will reasonably aid this board in considering the subject of the closed session:

Names of the individuals to be included:

**Ryan McCord
Phillip Figura**

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

Reconvene Open Session

Upon the members' return to open session, Mr. Anderson 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 consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. I MOVE that this committee and its individual members certify that during the closed session, the Jail Review Committee limited its discussion to matters lawfully exempt from the public meeting requirements and identified in the closed session motion. If a Member cannot so certify, I ask that they state the reason specifically on the record and that the recorder take role.

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I *MOVE* that the Jail Review Committee begin *CLOSED* session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(16) to discuss or consider medical and mental health records; and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

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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 medical, mental health records and legally exempt matters.

Actions

I make the following recommendations in the form of a Motion by Mr. Vassar:

The Jail Review Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Jail Review Committee further finds that investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE that the following cases be recommended to the Full Board for closure as a result of the following cases:

Case	Location	Date of Death
19-0244	BRRJA-Halifax	9/7/19
19-0025	New River Valley Regional Jail	9/12/19
19-0023	Roanoke City Jail	8/8/19
19-0027	Western Virginia Regional Jail	9/21/19

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

General Discussion

None

Other Comments

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

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