



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### **Criminal Justice Services Board**

March 17, 2022

***Patrick Henry Building***  
*1111 E. Broad Street*  
*Richmond, VA 23219*  
*East Reading Room*

#### ***Members Present***

Sheriff C. O. Balderson  
Ms. Mary Biggs  
Chief Craig Branch, Chair  
Ms. Angie Carrera (Zoom)  
Ms. Ebony Clark  
Chief Maggie DeBoard  
The Hon. Chadwick  
Dotson  
Ms. Carolyn Dull  
Mr. James Towey for  
Ms. Amy Floriano  
Officer Bennie Evans, Jr.  
Ms. Lisa Hernandez for  
Mr. Harold Clarke  
Mr. Michael HuYoung  
Mr. David Johnson  
Mr. Jagdish Katyal  
Judge Joseph Lindsey

#### ***Members Present (Cont'd)***

Ms. Jill Ryan for  
Mr. Edward M. Macon  
Dr. Sessa Joi Moon (Zoom)  
Ms. Abbey Philips  
LTC Tracy Russillo for  
Colonel Gary Settle  
Ms. Pat Smith  
Superintendent William Smith  
Ms. Ashley Waddell  
Ms. Nicole Wittman for  
The Hon. Jason Miyares  
Chief Kelvin Wright

#### ***Members Absent***

The Hon. Karrie Delaney  
The Hon. Sarah Deneke  
Senator Jennifer McClellan  
Senator Joe Morrissey  
The Hon. Bryan Porter  
Mr. Paul Taylor

### **I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Chief Craig Branch called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Services Board (Board) to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Chief Branch recognized the new members of the Board: Sheriff C. O. Balderson, Ms. Ebony Clark, Chief Maggie DeBoard, The Hon. Chadwick Dotson, Ms. Amy Floriano, The Hon. Joseph Lindsey, Ms. Nicole Wittman, Dr. Sessa Joi Moon, Ms. Abbey Phillips, and Ms. Ashley Waddell.

Dr. Sessa Joi Moon participated through electronic communication pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3708.2(A)(1)(b) due to health concerns as caregiver to a senior from her home in Chesterfield, Virginia.

Ms. Angie Carrera participated through electronic communication pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3708.2(A)(1)(b) due to a medical appointment from her home in Manassas, Virginia.

Chief Kelvin Wright made the motion, seconded by Mr. Michael HuYoung, to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2021, meeting of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. Director's Report**

- Ms. Shannon Dion, Director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), welcomed the new Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Brian Swann, as well as the Assistant Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Sonny Daniels.
- Ms. Dion also recognized a new employee at DCJS, Melissa Robey, Senior Confidential Policy Advisor.
- Ms. Dion expressed appreciation for members going off the Board. Chief James Williams was awarded a plaque for his service on the Board from 2013-2021.
- DCJS has expanded the victims services crisis response team. DCJS has responsibility to coordinate responses to mass casualty events so are creating more resources within DCJS to respond.
- Ms. Dion announced several personnel changes at DCJS. Ms. Julia Fuller Wilson is now a full-time State Crisis Response Coordinator, Ms. Dawn Bush is the new Crisis Response Training and Outreach Specialist, and Mr. Andrew Kinch is the new Crisis Response Team Specialist.

## **III. Committee Reports**

### **■ Executive Committee**

Chief Branch updated the Board on the Executive Committee meeting which took place on January 20, 2022. The Executive Committee voted to approve the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program funding and the Office for Victims of Crime Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program funding. There was also an update on the Victims Services Grant Program, American Recovery Plan Act grant. In addition, the Executive Committee approved the continuation of the decertification appeal for Mr. Omar Higazi and voted to uphold the decertification of Mr. Justin Miller as a law-enforcement officer.

■ **Grants Committee**

Chief Branch gave an update from the Grants Committee which met on March 3, 2022. The committee recommended the Board approve of the following grants:

- Addiction Recovery Grant Program (ARGP) in the amount of \$153,600 in state funding for four awards.
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in the amount of \$3,033, 370 in state and federal funding for twenty-seven awards.
- Comprehensive Community Corrections Act/Pretrial Services Act in the amount of \$28,652,145 in state funds for thirty-seven awards.
- Drive to Work (DTW) funding in the amount of \$150,000 in state and federal funds for one award.
- Jail Mental Health Program (JMHP) Grant funding in the amount of \$2,375,000 in state funds for six awards.
- Pre-Release and Post Incarceration Services (PAPIS) Grant funding in the amount of \$3,121,837 in state funds for nine awards.
- Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund in the amount of \$1,874,969 in state and federal funds for 45 awards.

Chief Branch made the motion, seconded by Mr. David Johnson, to approve the grant funding recommended by the Grants Committee in one block.

*Recusals:*

*Ms. Mary Biggs for the JMHP Grant for the Western VA Regional Jail, CCCA/PSA Grant for Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Galax, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford and Wythe Counties, CASA Grant for NRV, and the DVVF Grant for New Kent.*

*Sheriff Balderson for the PAPIS Grant for Westmoreland, the Drive to Work grant for Westmoreland, and the CASA Grant for the Northern Neck.*

*Chief DeBoard for the PAPIS Grant for OAR of Fairfax, and the CCCA/PSA Grant for Fairfax.*

*Ms. Carolyn Dull for the JMHP Grant for Middle River Regional Jail, the Drive to Work Grant for Staunton, and the CASA Grant for Blue Ridge CASA.*

*Officer Bennie Evans for the PAPIS Grants for OAR of Arlington, OAR of Fairfax, JMHP Grant for Prince William, the CCCA/PSA Grants for Alexandria and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, the CASA Grant for Alexandria/Arlington and Fairfax.*

*Ms. Lisa Hernandez for the Drive to Work Grant for DOC.*

*Ms. Patricia Smith for PAPIS Grant for OAR Jefferson Area Community Corrections, CCCA/PSA Grant for Albemarle (including Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson and Orange).*

*Superintendent William Smith for CCCA/PSA Grant for Suffolk.*

*Chief Kelvin Wright for the JMHP Grant for Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Drive to Work Grant for Chesapeake, and CASA Grant for Chesapeake.*

The motion passed.

The board was also asked to approve the recommendation to rescind funding under the American Recovery Plan Act to Southside Center for Violence Prevention due to significant concerns with the ability of the subgrantee to meet the conditions of an existing Victim Services Grant Award that they currently receive. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Chief Wright to approve of this recommendation.

■ **Committee on Training (COT)**

Chief Wright gave an update on the COT

**IV. Old Business**

There was no old business to be discussed.

**V. New Business**

***Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Bylaws Changes***

Mr. David Cotter, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, presented on the proposed changes to the CJSB Bylaws to be voted on at the next meeting to take place on May 12, 2022.

***6VAC20-105 Rules Relating to the Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Detector Canine Handlers Employed by the Department of Corrections***

Ms. Kristi Shalton, Law Enforcement Program Coordinator, DCJS, gave a report to request the board approve new regulatory language related to the Training Standards for Detector Canine Handlers.

Mr. Jagdish Katyal made a motion, seconded by Chief Wright, to approve the proposed new language. The motion was approved, with one recusal from Ms. Hernandez.

**VI. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.