



Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Executive Committee

July 25, 2024, 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
Mr. Jagdish Katyal, Jr.
LTC Kirk Marlowe, Proxy for COL Gary Settle
The Hon. Bryan Porter, Vice-Chair
Chief Ryan Zuidema

Members Absent

Ms. Maria Jankowski

I. Call to Order

Chairman Craig Branch called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) to order at 10:22 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chief Ryan Zuidema made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jagdish Katyal, to accept the minutes of the May 16-17, 2024, meetings of the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

IV. New Business

Sexual Assault Services Program Grant Funding Consideration

Sheriff C. O. Balderson made a motion, seconded by LTC Kirk Marlowe to approve Sexual Assault Services Program grant funding to STEPs in the amount of \$80,858 in federal funds. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Mr. Malik Brown, formerly with the Rappahannock Regional Jail

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Will Wittenbrook from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to give a summary of Mr. Brown's certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law enforcement officer from the Rappahannock Regional Jail. Mr. Brown was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(iii) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from Mr. Brown as well as representatives from the Rappahannock Regional Jail.

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

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jagdish Katyal, 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 Maggie DeBoard that the Executive Committee reinstate Mr. Brown as the appellant provided good cause to overturn the decertification. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Mr. William Campbell, formerly with the Spotsylvania Sheriff’s Office

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Wittenbrook to give a summary of Mr. Campbell’s certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law enforcement officer from the Spotsylvania Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Campbell was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from Mr. Campbell’s counsel as well as representatives from the Spotsylvania Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Campbell 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 vote to sustain the decertification of Mr. Campbell for a violation of state law and failure to show good cause to overturn the decertification. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Mr. Matthew Guzzetta, formerly with the Fairfax County Police Department

Prior to hearing the appeal for Mr. Guzzetta, Mr. Porter noted that there is pending civil litigation related to this matter and asked Mr. Guzzetta’s legal counsel if they wished to continue this appeal to a later date or hear this appeal now. It was requested by Mr. Guzzetta that his appeal be heard today and not be continued to a later date.

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Wittenbrook to give a summary of Mr. Guzzetta’s certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law enforcement officer from the Fairfax

County Police Department. Mr. Guzzetta was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from Mr. Guzzetta's counsel. Fairfax Police Department did not participate in this hearing due to a civil litigation concern.

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

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Mr. Porter made a motion, seconded by Chief Zuidema, 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 vote to reinstate the decertification of Mr. Guzzetta as he provided good cause to overturn the decertification. The motion passed unanimously.

Decertification – Mr. Dakota Hunter formerly with the Wythe County Sheriff's Office

Chairman Branch called on Mr. Wittenbrook to give a summary of Mr. Hunter's certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law enforcement officer from the Wythe County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Hunter was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(iii) of § 15.2-1707 and (B)(vi) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The Executive Committee also heard from Mr. Hunter as well as representatives from the Wythe County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Porter made the motion, seconded by Chief DeBoard, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Hunter 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 Sheriff Balderson that the Executive Committee vote to overturn the decertification of Mr. Hunter as he provided good cause to overturn his decertification. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. The next meeting will take place on July 26, 2024.