



## **Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Executive Committee**

*May 16, 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  
Ms. Maria Jankowski  
Mr. Jagdish Katyal, Jr.  
LTC Kirk Marlowe, Proxy for COL Gary Settle  
The Hon. Bryan Porter, Vice-Chair  
Chief Ryan Zuidema

### **Members Absent**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Craig Branch called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Sheriff C. O. Balderson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jagdish Katyal, to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2024, meeting of the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **III. Old Business**

There was no old business to be discussed.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **Decertification – Mr. Ahmed Abdelmageed, formerly with the Amelia County Sheriff's Office**

Chairman Branch called on Ms. Cathie Hutchins from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to give a summary of Mr. Abdelmageed's certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law enforcement officer from the Amelia County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Abdelmageed was decertified pursuant to clause (B)(iii) of § 15.2-1707 of the *Code of Virginia*.

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

Mr. Bryan Porter made a motion, seconded by Chief Maggie DeBoard, that the Executive Committee meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the decertification of Mr. Abdelmageed 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 sustain the decertification of Mr. Abdelmageed as the appellant did not provide good cause to overturn the decertification. The motion passed unanimously.

**Decertification – Mr. Anwar Bowman, formerly with the Alexandria City Sheriff’s Office**

Vice-Chair Porter recused himself from hearing this appeal and left the meeting.

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

The Executive Committee also heard from Mr. Bowman’s counsel as well as representatives from the Alexandria City Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Katyal 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. Bowman with legal counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Katyal, in an abundance of caution, recused himself from voting on the appeal hearing of Mr. Bowman, prior to the meeting going into closed session.

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Chief Zuidema 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.

Chief DeBoard made the motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson that the Executive Committee vote to sustain the decertification of Mr. Bowman as he did not provide good cause to overturn the decertification. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Branch left the meeting at this time. Vice-Chair Porter served as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**Decertification – Mr. Adam Ater, formerly with the Fairfax County Police Department**

Vice-Chair Porter and Mr. Katyal returned to the meeting.

Chairman Branch called on Ms. Hutchins (OAG) to give a summary of Mr. Ater’s certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law enforcement officer from the Fairfax

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

The Executive Committee also heard from Mr. Ater’s counsel as well as representatives from the Fairfax County Police Department.

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

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Chief Zuidema 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.

Chief DeBoard made the motion, seconded by Sheriff Balderson, that the Executive Committee vote to sustain the decertification of Mr. Ater as he did not provide good cause to overturn the decertification. The motion passed unanimously.

**Decertification – Mr. Steve Coleman, Jr., formerly with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff’s Office**

Chairman Branch called on Ms. Hutchins (OAG) to give a summary of Mr. Coleman’s certification status and to present the facts resulting in his decertification as a law enforcement officer from the Spotsylvania County Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Coleman 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. Coleman’s counsel as well as representatives from the Spotsylvania County Sheriff’s Office.

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

Once the Executive Committee had concluded its closed session, Chief Zuidema 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.

Chief DeBoard made the motion, seconded by Chief Zuidema that the Executive Committee vote to overturn the decertification of Mr. Coleman 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 3:37 p.m. The next meeting will take place on May 17, 2024.