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

Regular MeetingFebruary 21, 2024; 10:00 a.m
Location
Presiding
PresentThe Honorable Vernie Francis, Chairman, Board of Local and Regional Jail The Honorable Charles Jett, Vice Chairman, Board of Local and Regional Jail Dr. Cleopatra Booker, Board of Local and Regional Jail Tiffany Jenkins, Board of Local and Regional Jail Michael Carrera, Board of Local and Regional Jail Jessica Vermont, Board of Local and Regional Jail David Hackworth, Board of Local and Regional Jail Charles Carey, Board of Local and Regional Jail Dr. Anita Maybach, Board of Local and Regional Jail Dr. Amanda Trent, Board of Local and Regional Jail Geoff Garner, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jail Ashley Gordon, Executive Secretary, Board of Local and Regional Jail Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst, Board of Local and Regional Jail Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jail John Rock, Jail Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jail
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jail Ayesha Osborne, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

## **Approval of Minutes**

The January 17, 2024, minutes were brought before the Committee for approval.

Upon a *Motion* by Vice Chairman Jett with a second by Mr. Carrera, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the January 17, 2024, Jail Review Committee meeting minutes.

# **Public Comment**

None

# **Presentation**

None

# Motion to include non-Board members in closed session

The following was offered by Dr. Trent as a motion:

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:

Geoff Garner Alison Lautz John Rock Tawana Ferguson Ashley Gordon Mary-Huffard Kegley Ayesha Osborne

Upon a *Motion* by Dr. Trent and a second by Mr. Carrera, the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendations.

#### **Closed Session**

Mr. Carrera offered the following in the form of a motion:

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.

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Carrera and a second by Mr. Hackworth the attending members voted unanimously to *Approve* the above recommendation.

#### **Reconvene Open Session**

Upon the members' return to open session, Mr. Carrera 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 or consider medical and mental health records and 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 roll.

All members in attendance certified by Roll Call.

#### **Actions**

Mr. Carrera as a motion offered the following:

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:

Cases			
23-0032	23-0033		
23-0046			

Upon a *Motion* by Mr. Carrera and a second by Dr. Booker, all members voted unanimously to A*pprove* the above recommendation.

Mr. Carrera as a motion offered the following:

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 finds that the investigation did reveal evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. However, the Jail Review Committee finds that the corrective actions taken by the jail appropriately addresses the substance of the violation such that no further measures are necessary. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE that the following cases be recommended to the Full Board for closure:

Cases					
23-0037					

# **Recommendations for Changes to Board Standards**

None

## **General Discussion**

Dr. Booker asked if all names of the Jail Review Committee members could be shared out loud. The list includes, Dr. Anita Maybach, Dr. Amanda Trent, Mr. Hackworth, Charlie Jett, Roland Sherrod.

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