



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER**

Violence Fatality Review Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

1pm – 3 pm

The Violence Fatality Review Committee (VFRC) convened its virtual WebEx meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was led by VFRC chair, Dr. Joseph Richardson. The VFRC achieved quorum and there were sixteen (16) attendees present:

Committee Members

Dr. Joseph Richardson (TRAVAIL)
David Gorman (USAODC)
Dr. Erica Richards, MD (Sibley)
Dr. Richard Bebout (DBH)
Cheryl Bozarth (OVSJG)
Sheila Clark (DHS)
Dr. Charlayne Hayling-Williams (CWV)
Helaina Roisman (GWUH)
Rhonda Redwood Ray (CSOSA)
Elizabeth Wieser (OAG)

Invited Guests

Myles Davenport (OCME)
David Marimon (CJCC)
Kate Bouwkamp (EOM)

Fatality Review Staff

Dr. Renee Spraggins (OCME)
Kera Johnson (OCME)
Jenna Beebe-Aryee (OCME)

Open Meeting

I. Welcome

VFRC chair, Dr. Joseph Richardson, welcomed the attendees to the meeting. A moment of silence was taken for the victims of violence who lost their lives, in the District and across the country. Roll call was taken by the Fatality Review Staff Assistant.

II. Meeting Agenda for Open Portion of Meeting

The agenda for the open portion of today's meeting was voted upon and accepted by the VFRC.

III. Review of Minutes for the Open Portion of the February 23, 2023 Meeting

With no questions, concerns, or issues about the minutes from the open portion of the February 23, 2023 meeting, it was voted upon and the minutes were accepted as written.

IV. **Opportunity for the public to address the committee**

No members of the public were present to address the committee.

V. **Vote to close the meeting to the public for remaining business**

A vote to close the open portion of the meeting for remaining committee business was conducted and accepted. The following statement was read aloud:

“This meeting will hereby be closed to the public for the following reasons- Open Meetings Act section B- 12 & 14; and § 5-1431.05.”

Members were asked to exit the open portion and sign onto a new WebEx session using the closed meeting invitation. The open portion ended at 1:10 PM.