



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

Violence Fatality Review Committee

**Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024
1 pm – 3 pm**

The Violence Fatality Review Committee (VFRC) convened its virtual WebEx meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 1:06 PM. The meeting was led by co-chairs Dr. Joseph Richardson and Kenyatta Hazlewood. The VFRC was able to achieve quorum and there were fourteen (14) attendees present:

Committee Members

Dr. Joseph Richardson (TRAVAIL)
Kenyatta Hazlewood (HUH)
Sheila Clark (DHS)
David Gorman (USAODC)
Jennifer Porter (OVSJG)
Helaina Roisman (GWUH)
Dr. Richard Bebout (DBH)
Juanita Price (Hillcrest)

Fatality Review Staff

Dr. Renee Spraggins (OCME)
Jenna Bebee-Aryee (OCME)

Invited Guests

Taylor Black (OCME)
Alex (Community member)
Anthony Scerbo (Open Government)
David Marimon (CJCC)

Open Meeting

I. Welcome

VFRC co-chairs Dr. Joseph Richardson and Kenyatta Hazlewood welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Roll call was taken by the Fatality Review specialist.

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 December 4, 2023 Meeting**

With no questions, concerns or issues about the minutes from the open portion of the December 4, 2023 meeting, it was voted upon and the minutes were accepted as written.

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

There were no members of the public 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 by Kenyatta Hazlewood 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 1:15 PM.