

**Minutes for the Commission on the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach Mass Shooting
Meeting on December 14, 2021, 10 a.m. in James Monroe Building**

The meeting commenced at 10:05 a.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Ryant Washington
Butch Bracknell
Steve Cover
Aaron Kass
Robert Geis
James Redick
Rebecca Cowan
David Cariens
Jaison Harris
David Lord
David Whitted
John Bell
Gary Settle

OSIG/OAG staff in attendance:

Michael Westfall
Corrine Loudon
Kate Hourin
Katrina Goodman
Mike Jagels

Other attendees:

Jason Nixon
Beth Mann
Janice Cariens

Commission members adopted the minutes from the October 20, 2021, meeting, after updating the list of Commission members in attendance.

David Cariens requested clarification on Commission meeting notes from the October 20, 2021 meeting.

Col. Gary Settle spoke about the Virginia State Police involvement in the May 31, 2019, mass shooting.

Ryant Washington said he did not receive any feedback on the Commission's interim report from the Governor's office of General Assembly

The report writing team, which consists of Butch Bracknell, Jim Redick, Bob Geis, Rebecca Cowan and David Cariens, asked for OSIG's help in creating a collaborative document system.

Rebecca Cowan distributed a document called Retrospective Threat Assessment Using the WAVR-21, WAVR-21 Risk Factors that will be discussed at a future meeting.

Butch Bracknell made a motion, and David Witted seconded it:

- 1) That written, iterative questions shall be the primary method of gathering input from witnesses identified by the Commission.
- 2) That the written questions shall be accompanied by an invitation for the witness to supplement or substitute the written response with an oral/personal interview with the Commission.
- 3) That the general public shall be invited to submit written statements to the Commission and shall be invited to supplement written statements with an oral/personal interview with the Commission.

Commission members agreed to have their list of potential interviewees and questions sent to OSIG by January 3.

Commission members agreed to have Joe Samaha come to a meeting to discuss the Virginia Tech Foundation.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Jason Nixon spoke about the need for subpoena powers and streaming the Commission meetings, and provided a list of questions and potential interviewees for the Commission to consider. Beth Mann read statements from social media accounts regarding concerns about the Virginia Beach city work environment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.