Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation

Program Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025

Attendees:
David Ratz, Esq., Chair
Joel Dillon, Vice Chair/Secretary
Ronald Ramus, M.D.
Patricia Byrnes-Schmehl
John Gordon, C.P.A.
M. Cathy Slusher, M.D.

Absent
Michael Hoover, CFA
James Camm, Ph. D.
Kevin Logan, Esq.

Also Present:
Dawn McCoy, Executive Director (virtual)
Ronda Holloway, Operations Manager
Hanna Bareford, Human Resources Assistant
Charlotte Spence, Communications & Operations Associate
Sarah Paskins, parent of an admitted claimant
Kim Zayne, support for Paskins
Ms. Sanner, support for Paskins
Adonica Baine, Esq., Office of the Attorney General
Calvin Brown, Esq., Office of the Attorney General

Call to Order

Chairman Ratz called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Board Chair Ratz motioned to discuss the May 13, 2025, Board meeting Minutes.
Board Chair Ratz motioned to approve the Minutes, and Member Ronald Ramus seconded the motion. The Motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.

Closed Session

Chairman Ratz moved to go into closed session at approximately 10:48 a.m.

I move that the Board of Directors for the Virginia Birth Related Neurological Injury Compensation Fund go into closed meeting for the following reasons: 1) To discuss and consider the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, salary, discipline, termination and resignation of specific previous and current employees (including employees who recently resigned) pursuant to the Personnel Exemption of Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) and 2) To consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, the subject of which are potential claims, pending claims and pending cases against the Virginia Birth Related Neurological Injury Compensation Fund, pursuant to the Legal Counsel Consultation Exemption of § Va. Code 2.2-3711(A)(7). Second to the Motion is required and an affirmative recorded vote approving the motion is needed.

Member Ronald Ramus seconded the Motion. The Motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

Certification

Chair Ratz moved for the adoption of the following resolution by the members of this Board of Directors:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program's Board has convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program's Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion 9 convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting by the Board.

Member John Gordon seconded the Motions. The members of the Board were polled individually, and each certified by the resolution.

Adjournment:

Board Chair David Ratz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m., and it was seconded by Member John Gordon. The Motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.