

City of Albany
Citizens' Police Review Board

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
University at Albany, Downtown Campus - Milne Hall
135 Western Ave, Levitt Room (M120)

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Larry Becker, Mickey Bradley, Matt Ingram, Ivy Morris, Reverend Victor Collier, Zach Garafalo, Charles Goodbee

Late: Veneilya Harden

Excused Absences: Mike Grady

Guest: Leah Golby

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Mickey Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the Agenda passed unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Approval of April 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Board member Mark Ingram motioned to approve the meeting minutes, board member Rev. Collier seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Larry Becker, Zach Garafalo and Veneilya Harden agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

B. New Complaint(s)

1. Seven complaint summaries were presented for review to the Board since its last meeting on May 11, 2017.
 - i. **CPRB No. 06-17/ OPS No. CC2017-18**
 - ii. **CPRB No. 07-17/ OPS No. CC2017 -19**
 - iii. **CPRB No. 08-17/ OPS No. CC2017 -20**
 - iv. **CPRB No. 09-17/ OPS No. CC2017 -No OPS #**
 - v. **CPRB No. 10-17/ OPS No. CC2017 -27**
 - vi. **CPRB No. 11-17/ OPS No. CC2017 -26**
 - vii. **CPRB No. 012-17/ OPS No. CC2017 -No OPS #**
2. *Complaints for Board Review (*see Table 1)*

C. Committee/Task Force Reports

By-Laws and Rules

Committee Chair Zach Garafalo convened a meeting on April 20th. Made SOP available to board members for review.

Education and Community Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris left early. No update given.

Mediation

Committee Chair Reverend Victor Collier reported that there were no updates at this time.

Police Department Liaison

Committee Chair Mike Grady was not present; no report was delivered.

Public Official Liaison

Committee Chair Mickey Bradley reported that there were no updates at this time.

Task Force on Monitors

Committee Chair Larry Becker reported that there were no updates at this time.

D. Elections for Committee / Task Force Elections

Chair Mickey Bradley informed Board members that are current Chairs of their respective committees to update him via email to provide their preference in the future to fill available committee positions. Silence as consent to remain.

E. Report from the Government Law Center (GLC)

Maureen Obie reported that as of today, May 21, 2017, there are 13 active complaints. Of those, 3 were reviewed this evening, and 2 were closed with no review, leaving 11 complaints. A total of 734 complaints have been closed, including 40 complaints that have been closed with no review. The total number of complaints that remain suspended from review by the Board is 2. The total number of complaints filed to date is 747. Since the Board's last meeting on March 9, the GLC received 4 Grievance Forms, leaving the total number of forms received at 616.

Ms. Obie reported that the GLC continues to conduct research internally and externally better options for data storage management. Information pertaining to other citizen police oversight organizations' administrative handling of complaints received from emotionally disturbed person (EDPs) nationally is also currently being researched.

The GLC will move forward on expanded outreach efforts proposed to the Board, including a postcard promo mailing, distribution of informational flyers, and increasing the number of complaint form locations, to include form locations that provide assistance to citizens with completing the forms.

F. Report from the Office of Professional Standards (OPS)

Commander Michael Hicks reported that there were no updates at this time.

IV. Public Comment

No public comments at this time.

V. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Ivy Morris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chair Mickey Bradley seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clay Gustave
Coordinator

***Table 1** *Complaints for Board Review*

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#14-16 / CC2016-024	Co. alleged on many separate occasions she has called the police in an ongoing domestic incident she has had with her ex-boyfriend/roommate. She states the responding officer in addition to the County Police Dept. had conspired against her and refused to provide her with help.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abuse of Authority - Threatened Arrest 2. Arrest Authority & Procedure - False/Illegal/Improper/Unlawful Arrest 3. Call Handling - Failure to Complete Report/Investigate Properly/Handle Report 4. Arrest Authority & Procedure - Arrest Authority & Procedure 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Not Sustained 4. Unfounded 5. Exonerated 6. Unfounded 7. Not Sustained 8. Not Sustained 9. Not Sustained 10. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Not Sustained 4. Unfounded 5. Exonerated 6. Unfounded 7. Not Sustained 8. Not Sustained 9. Not Sustained 10. Unfounded

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Arrest Authority & Procedure - False/Illegal/Improper/Unlawful Arrest 6. Call Handling - Failure to Complete Report/Investigate Properly/Handle Report 7. Unprofessional Conduct - Derogatory/Inappropriate/Threaten/Profane/Offensive/Vulgar/Racial-Biased Language 8. Call Handling - Illegal/Improper/Unlawful Stop/Detention/Questioning/Search/Harassment 9. Unprofessional Conduct - Unprofessional Conduct 10. Unprofessional Conduct - Derogatory/Inappropriate/Threaten/Profane/Offensive/Vulgar/Racial-Biased Language 		
#02-17 / CC2017-0001	Co. alleged officer responded to his residence because he was assaulted and the officer did not write a report.	1. Call Handling	1. Exonerated	1. Exonerated *Discussion
CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION

<p>#24-16 / CC2016-039</p>	<p>Co. alleged he was dragged to the pavement and thrown into an unmarked police vehicle. The Complainant alleged his home, vehicle and person were searched unlawfully. The complainant alleged officers took his keys to unlawfully enter and search his mother's house.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Force - Unnecessary Use of Force 2. Use of Force - Improper Use of Force 3. Arrest Authority & Procedure - False/Illegal/Improper/Unlawful Arrest 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Exonerated 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Exonerated
<p>#25-16 / CC2016-039</p>	<p>The Complainant alleged members of the APD entered her house without a valid search warrant, without knocking and pointed their guns at her and her grandson.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrest Authority & Procedure - False/Illegal/Improper/Unlawful Arrest 2. Use of Force - Improper Use of Force 3. Unprofessional Conduct - Unprofessional Conduct 4. Unprofessional Conduct - Unprofessional Conduct 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 3. Not Sustained 4. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 3. Not Sustained 4. Unfounded
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<p>#16-16</p>	<p>Co. alleged excessive force was used during his arrest and an officer directed a doctor at AMCH to stop working on him so that they could get the paperwork done.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Force - Improper Use of Force 2. Use of Force - Excessive Use of Force 3. Unprofessional Conduct - Unprofessional Conduct 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Not Sustained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Not Sustained
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