

City of Albany
Citizens' Police Review Board

Thursday, December 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
University at Albany, Downtown Campus - Milne Hall
135 Western Ave, Levitt Room (M120)

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Larry Becker, Mickey Bradley, Charles Goodbee, Mike Grady, Maritza Martinez, Ivy Morris, Kerry Mulligan, David Rozen

Unexcused Absences: Reverend Edward B. Smart

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair David Rozen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Mickey Bradley motioned to approve the Agenda. Larry Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. New Business

A. *Complaints for Board Review (see Table 1)*

B. *Appointment of New Members to the Committee on Complaint Review*

Board members Larry Becker, Charles Goodbee, Mike Grady, Maritza Martinez, Ivy Morris, and Kerry Mulligan all agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

C. *Committee/Task Force Reports*

By-Laws and Rules

Committee Chair David Rozen reported that there were no updates at this time.

Education and Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris reported that Board members will donate to a holiday toy drive taking place on Saturday in Arbor Hill. Albany Law School students organized a panel discussion at Albany Law School that addressed community and police relations. Commander Michael Hicks, APD Office of Professional Standards, and CPRB Chair Reverend Edward Smart were invited to participate on the panel that provided the Board an opportunity to explain how the Board functions and where to locate Citizen Complaint Forms.

Next Monday at 6:00 p.m., the community FM radio station WCAA 107.3FM, at Grand Street Community Arts Center will hold a meeting at 140 Central Avenue, Albany. Board member Larry Becker invited CPRB members to attend, noting that the local station may be a useful media outlet for the Board.

Mediation

Committee Chair Maritza Martinez reported that a draft list of criteria for CPRB complaints suitable for mediation is in progress, pending a final draft. Board members are expected to reference the list when voting for or against the mediation of any complaints. Commander Hicks added that once the document is finalized and reviewed, mediation can proceed officially. Mediation session ground rules are finalized.

Police Department Liaison

Committee Chair Mickey Bradley reported that a large and successful community forum to discuss updates regarding the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program was held at the main branch of the Albany Public Library. The next meeting planned is scheduled for December 17, 2015, to provide the additional opportunity for stakeholders to participate. APD has formed three subcommittees to work on the Program which several Board members, including Mickey Bradley and Maritza Martinez, have joined. The project includes three phases, to be launched by mid-2017. The Board should expect future updates as the Program moves forward.

On November 18, 2015, Board members attended a four-hour-long meeting with Albany Police Chief Brendan Cox and Deputy Chief Robert Sears that reviewed details related to the APD's investigation of the Dontay Ivy incident.

Public Official Liaison

No chair is currently assigned to this Committee. Board Vice-Chair David Rozen reported that on Monday the Common Council Public Safety Committee will conduct a meeting to review a proposal of an ordinance that is being introduced. The policy proposed is for the purpose of capturing contact data; the sponsor, Councilwoman Vivian Kornegay, will discuss revisions to the proposal with APD Chief Brendan Cox during the meeting.

Task Force on Monitors

No Chair is currently assigned to this Committee, and no report was delivered.

D. *Nominations/Elections for Elected Board Officer Positions*

Board member Mickey Bradley was nominated for Chair, and he accepted the nomination.

The nominations for Vice-Chair were current Vice-Chair David Rozen and Board member Ivy Morris. Ms. Morris and Mr. Rozen both accepted the nomination. Board member Larry Becker was nominated for Vice-Chair, and declined the nomination.

The nominations for Secretary were Board members Kerry Mulligan, Ivy Morris, and Mike Grady. Ms. Mulligan declined the nomination. Ms. Morris and Mr. Grady both accepted the Secretary nomination.

E. *Report from the Government Law Center*

Coordinator for the CPRB Maureen Obie reported that as of today, there are currently 36 active complaints before the Board for review. Of those 36 active complaints, 5 were reviewed and closed by the Board at tonight's meeting, leaving the Board with 31 active complaints. The Board has at least 5 cases ready for review during its next meeting. Five hundred seventy-five (575) complaints have been closed. The total number of complaints that remain suspended from review is 11. The total number of complaints filed to date is 659. Since the last Board meeting, the GLC received 6 new grievance forms, bringing the total number of forms received to 501. In response to outreach to all individuals, the Board has received 138 CPRB complaint forms, which is 27%.

There currently exists one mayoral Board vacancy as a result of Reverend Edward Smart's end of term. Requests for Ms. Maritza Martinez's reappointment to the Board for a second term and a replacement for Reverend Edward Smart have been submitted in writing to City of Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan and Common Council President Carolyn McLaughlin. The GLC has been notified that a response regarding Ms. Martinez's reappointment is expected in the near future.

Ms. Obie reminded Board members that a 2015 Annual National Association for the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference debriefing meeting for Board members, previously planned for Wednesday, November 18, is rescheduled to take place following the holidays.

The next CPRB monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

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

OPS Commander Michael Hicks reported that Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program planning meetings are underway; stakeholder feedback is valued and invited during the preliminary stages. Cdr. Hicks will hold a BWC Program subcommittee meeting next Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m. Meeting notices were distributed to those subcommittee members currently involved and additional Board members were invited to join a Sub-committee.

G. Report from the Chair

No report at this time.

IV. Public Comment

Albany Common Council Member and Public Safety Committee Chair Leah Golby announced that a Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday night. The Committee will address two topics: Council Member Vivian Kornegay's ordinance proposal, and an update on the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative from APD Chief Brendan Cox. Councilwoman Golby advised that 911 Services were currently experiencing temporary difficulties.

V. Adjournment

Board member Mickey Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board member Mike Grady. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Grady
Secretary

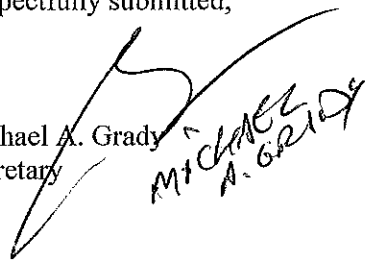


Table 1. *Complaints for Board Review*

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#11-14 / CC2014-035	Co. alleged that APD officer's acts resulted in injury; video footage was tampered with; Co. denied medical attention.	1. Use of Force 2. Conduct Standards 3. Conduct Standards	1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Unfounded	1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Unfounded
#15-15 / CC2015-024	Co. alleged APD officers improperly stop and questioned them; alleges excessive use of force during restraint.	1. Arrest Authority & Procedures 2. Use of Force	1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated	1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated
#18-15 / CC2015-037	Co. alleges an improper search was conducted by APD officers.	1. Arrest Authority & Procedures	1. Not Sustained	1. Not Sustained
#s 12-15 & 22-15 / CC2014-031	Co. alleges that APD refused to relay their complaint to appropriate agency; Co. further alleged they were stopped and questioned improperly.	1. Conduct Standards 2. Call Handling	1. No Finding 2. Unfounded	1. No Finding 2. Unfounded