

City of Albany
Citizens' Police Review Board

Thursday, February 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
University at Albany, Downtown Campus - Milne Hall, Levitt Room (M120)
135 Western Ave, Albany, N.Y.

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

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

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chair David Rozen called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Secretary Mickey Bradley motioned to approve the Agenda. Board member Mike Grady seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. CPRB No. 04-15 / OPS No. CC2015-007

This complaint was postponed during the October 15, 2015, Board meeting and is listed under New Business for this meeting.

IV. New Business

A. *New Complaint(s)*

1. Four new complaint summaries received by the Board since its last meeting on December 10, 2015, were presented to Board members:

- i. CPRB No. 33-14 / OPS No. CC2014-077
- ii. CPRB No. 28-14 / OPS No. CC2014-072
- iii. CPRB No. 04-15 / OPS No. CC2015-007
- iv. CPRB No. 08-15 / OPS No. CC2015-022

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

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

Board Members Larry Becker, Mickey Bradley, Charles Goodbee, Ivy Morris, and Maritza Martinez all agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

C. *Approval of 2014 Annual Report*

Vice-Chair David Rozen motioned to approve the 2014 Annual Report. Reverend Victor Collier seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. *Committee/Task Force Reports*

By-Laws and Rules

Committee Chair David Rozen reported that there were no general updates. Board Member Kerry Mulligan joined the Committee during tonight's meeting.

Education and Community Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris reported that a promotional pop-up banner is to be ordered by the GLC. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2016.

Mediation

Committee Chair Maritza Martinez reported that there were no updates.

Police Department Liaison

Committee Chair Mickey Bradley reported that all Board members are invited to attend future Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program general meetings as well as subcommittee meetings. The CPRB Police Department Liaison Committee will meet with Chief Brendan Cox at the end of March, date to be determined.

Public Official Liaison

On behalf of Board Chair Reverend Edward Smart, Vice-Chair David Rozen reported that all Board members are invited to attend the Common Council Public Safety Committee meeting, which is confirmed for Monday.

Task Force on Monitors

Committee Co-Chair Larry Becker reported that there were no updates.

E. *Election for Board Officer Positions*

Board members Ivy Morris and Vice-Chair David Rozen were both nominated for the Vice-Chair position. Ms. Morris and Mr. Rozen both accepted the nominations.

Board members Ivy Morris and Mike Grady were both nominated for the Secretary position. Ms. Morris and Mr. Grady both accepted the nominations.

Secretary Mickey Bradley ran uncontested for the position of Chair. Board member Kerry Mulligan motioned to appoint Mickey Bradley as Chair. Ivy Morris seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board member Ivy Morris was elected to Vice-Chair through a ballot vote. Chair Mickey Bradley motioned to appoint Ms. Morris for Vice-Chair. Ms. Morris seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Mickey Bradley motioned to appoint Mike Grady for Secretary. Vice-Chair Ivy Morris seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. *Election for Committee / Task Force Chair Positions*

Board members Kerry Mulligan and Larry Becker volunteered to Co-chair the Task Force. Chair Mickey Bradley motioned for Ms. Mulligan and Mr. Becker to be Co-Chairs of the Task Force. Board member Maritza Martinez seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Mickey Bradley suggested that Board members discuss during the upcoming Board retreat possible options for chairing the Public Official Liaison Committee, as well as the Police Department Liaison Committee.

All other Committee Chair positions remain the same.

G. *Report from the Government Law Center*

Interim Coordinator for the CPRB Maureen Obie reported that there were currently 36 active complaints before the Board for review. Of those 36 active complaints, 4 were reviewed by the Board at tonight's meeting, leaving the Board with 32 active complaints. The Board has at least 4 cases ready to go on the next meeting Agenda. Six hundred thirty-nine (639) complaints have been closed. The total number of complaints that remain suspended from review is 9. The total number of complaints filed to date is 714. Since the Board's last meeting, the GLC received 4 grievance forms, bringing the total number of forms received to 515. In response to our outreach to all individuals, the Board has received 143 CPRB complaint forms, which is 27%.

Ms. Obie advised that the CPRB still has zero member vacancies. Reverend Victor Collier was appointed in December by Mayor Sheehan to fill the vacancy that resulted from Reverend Smart's end of term. Reverend Collier received his GLC orientation, and will attend the Citizen Police Academy this spring along with Board members Kerry Mulligan and Mike Grady. The GLC expects to receive an update from Common Council during the next several weeks regarding Ms. Martinez's reappointment for a second term.

A 2015 2nd Quarterly Report was distributed today to Board members for review.

The Albany Police Department plans to conduct a series of Implicit Bias Trainings for community members; updates will be provided to Board members as they become available. A previous request on behalf of the Board to Chief Brendan Cox to attend APD officers' implicit bias training was withdrawn based on careful consideration of the potential for guests' participation to affect officers' comfort level and lessen the training's impact.

CPRB Research Assistant Michael Lei participated in an APD ride-a-long in January.

Following the upcoming officer elections, the GLC can move forward with coordinating a Saturday, March 12th, Board retreat to be held at the Law School. Input from Board members for the development of a retreat program is welcomed.

University at Albany School of Social Welfare researcher Dr. Camille Barnes submitted a final draft of her findings to Board members in January; Dr. Barnes also presented findings and recommendations to Board members on January 14th.

The 2016 Annual National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from September 25th – 29th. Conference registrations are not yet open, although Board members should begin to consider whether or not they will attend. The GLC coordinates all conference registrations and hotel reservations and covers those related costs. Board members are expected to fund the cost for airline reservations and meals up front and submit receipts to the GLC for full reimbursement upon their return for airline tickets and daily meals. Every Board member is welcomed to attend NACOLE without overtaxing their personal finances. Board members were asked to contact Ms. Obie directly in the event that air travel costs pose a hardship. Board members discussed 2015 NACOLE Conference highlights during the January 14th meeting.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10th, 6:00 p.m., at the UAibany Downtown Campus, in Milne Hall. A CPRB Member Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 12th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Albany Law School. A Common Council Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, February 29th, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall.

H. *Report from the Office of Professional Standards*

Commander Michael Hicks reported that OPS Detective Hourigan will be retiring. The Citizens Police Academy is to begin March 30th. Logistical details for the Academy will be forwarded to the GLC. The exact location of the Academy is to be determined.

I. *Report from the Chair*

Chair Mickey Bradley announced the CPRB was selected to be honored at the St. Anne's Institute annual awards event, "Wine, Dine & Stein," to be held on Friday April 18, 2016. Two complimentary tickets were provided to the Board, and additional event tickets are \$100 each.

City of Albany Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel Patrick Jordan will be leaving Corporation Counsel's office, and Assistant Counsel Adrianna LeBlanc will represent Corporation Counsel's office during future Board meetings.

V. **Public Comment**

Board member David Rozen announced that CPRB Research Assistant Veronica Barber had delivered a healthy baby girl.

Board member Maritza Martinez requested additional details regarding the Early Warning System (EWS). OPS Commander Michael Hicks advised there were no recent EWS updates.

VI. **Adjournment**

Board member Reverend Victor Collier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member Charles Goodbee seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved by:

Michael A. Grady
Secretary

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***Table 1 Complaints for Board Review**

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#33-14 / CC2014-077	Co. alleged that the officers stated, "you are from that crazy and disrespectful family, you are lucky you were stopped in a well-lit area," and used profanity. The Co.'s grandson alleged the officer touched him inappropriately.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Handling 2. Call Handling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not Sustained 2. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Postponed review 2. Postponed review <p>Action: Board postponed a vote for findings pending additional review of witness audio recording.</p>
#28-14 / CC2014-072	Co. alleged the officers threatened to pepper spray her family, and that she was pepper sprayed, thrown to the ground and handcuffed while trying to tell her side of the story.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Standards 2. Use of Force 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated
#04-15 / CC2015-007	Co. alleged he sustained injuries as a result of officers using force upon him and that the officers lost Co.'s earrings and money.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Force 2. Evidence & Property Handling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Postponed review 2. Postponed review <p>Action: Witness information was received too late to review complaint at this meeting.</p>

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#08-15 / CC2015-022	Co. alleged that while having contact with the non-sworn clerk and officer assigned to the South Station desk she was treated in a rude and disrespectful manner; complaint was <u>withdrawn</u> by Co. on July 9, 2015.	1. Call Handling	1. No Finding	1. No Finding