

**City of Albany
Citizens' Police Review Board**

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

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

University at Albany, Downtown Campus - Milne Hall, Levitt Room (M120)
135 Western Ave, Albany, N.Y.

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

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Mickey Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Board member Reverend Victor Collier motioned to approve the Agenda. Board member Larry Becker seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. New Business

A. New Complaint(s)

1. One complaint summary was presented for complaints received by the Board since its last meeting on December 8, 2016, to provide Board members with a second opportunity to vote for an investigation monitor.
 - i. **CPRB No. 02-17 / OPS No. CC2017-001** - No monitor assigned
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, Zach Garafalo, Veneilya Harden, Matt Ingram, and Ivy Morris all agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

C. Approval of 2015 4th Quarterly Report

Approval of 2015 Annual Report

Approval of 2016 1st Quarterly Report

Approval of 2016 2nd Quarterly Report

Approval of 2016 3rd Quarterly Report

Approval of September 17, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Approval of October 15, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Approval of November 12, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Approval of December 10, 2015, Meeting Minutes

Approval of February 11, 2016, Meeting Minutes

Chair Mickey Bradley motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 2015 to February 2016. Ivy Morris seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Mickey Bradley stated a correction to the 2015 Annual Report; referencing the Board members term start and end dates, Mr. Bradley's second term ends October 2017.

Chair Mickey Bradley motioned to approve the Quarterly Reports and the Annual Report pending the stated revision. Board member Charles Goodbee seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Committee/Task Force Reports

By-Laws and Rules

Committee Chair Zach Garafalo stated plans to convene a meeting to address issues discussed during tonight's meeting, including protocols related to Board findings.

Education and Community Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris reported that she and Committee member Zach Garafalo will participate in a panel, "The Benefits and Limits of Civilian Review Boards," on April 3, 2017, at Pace Law School, at the request of the non-profit community organization WESPAC Foundation. The forum is organized and sponsored by the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform and the Pace Criminal Justice Institute.

Ms. Morris also thanked Board member Veneilya Harden for her suggestion for mental health crisis intervention training for police officers, and she looks forward to further developments related to that topic.

Mediation

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

Police Department Liaison

Committee Chair Mike Grady reported that there were no updates.

Public Official Liaison

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

Task Force on Monitors

Committee Co-Chair Larry Becker reported plans to schedule a meeting.

E. Nominations / Elections for Board Officer Positions

Chair Mickey Bradley was nominated for the Chair position. Vice-Chair Ivy Morris declined the previous nomination for Chair. Vice-Chair Ivy Morris and Zach Garafalo were both nominated for the position of Vice-Chair. Board member Larry Becker declined the previous nomination for Vice-Chair. Secretary Mike Grady was nominated

for the Secretary position. Board members Charles Goodbee, Sr., and Zach Garafalo both declined nominations for the Secretary position.

Chair Mickey Bradley was re-elected to the Chair position, unopposed. Vice-Chair Ivy Morris was re-elected to the Vice-Chair position through a ballot vote. Secretary Mike Grady was re-elected to the Secretary position, unopposed.

F. Elections for Committee / Task Force Chair Positions

Chair Mickey Bradley informed Board members to update him if they would like to change their current Committee positions for the upcoming year.

G. Report from the Government Law Center (GLC)

Coordinator for the CPRB Maureen Obie reported that as of March 8, 2017, there were 16 active complaints. Of those complaints, 2 were reviewed and closed this evening, 3 were closed with "No Finding," 1 was closed with "No Review," and 1 was closed as "Mediated," leaving 9 active complaints. A total of 721 complaints have been closed, including 41 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 738. Since the Board's last meeting on December 8, 2016, the GLC received 5 Grievance Forms, bringing the total number of forms received to 608. The Board's outreach to all individuals has resulted in 158 CPRB complaint forms received, or 25%.

The CPRB's two newest Board members, Veneilya Harden and Matthew Ingram, will participate in the Albany Citizen Police Academy that starts on March 29, 2017.

Ms. Obie congratulated Angela West, a CPRB Research Assistant, who has been an invaluable asset to the Board's outreach and reporting efforts while also deftly managing a strenuous law school course load. Ms. West will graduate next month. Ms. Obie advised that Elizabeth O'Reilly was unable to attend tonight's meeting while law courses take priority just prior to spring break. Ms. O'Reilly's employment at the GLC will end next month as she has been offered an internship in New York City this summer. Ms. West and Ms. O'Reilly were both thanked and wished the best of luck with their future endeavors.

As a member of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's (NACOLE) Training & Education Sub-committee, Ms. Obie announced that a webinar is scheduled for March 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. EST, as the first of a 4-part webinar series. Board members may want to participate in the webinar as a group in order to reduce the overall cost. Webinar recordings are available on the NACOLE website (www.nacole.org) for 30 days following each webinar held.

The Board's next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the University at Albany Downtown Campus, in Milne Hall. University at Albany has graciously offered to allow the CPRB to continue meeting at this location based on the close relationship between Albany Law School and the University that has developed over the last several years. A special thanks was extended to Board member Matt Ingram and past Board member Maritza Martinez for providing valuable faculty and administration connections to University at Albany.

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

Commander Michael Hicks reported that the first Albany Police Department Academy class is scheduled to graduate on April 3, 2017, at the new Convention Center (Albany Capital Center) in downtown Albany. The CPRB is welcome to speak to new officers on March 27, 2016, from 8-10 a.m., at the Training Center Headquarters.

Commander Hicks advised that the APD is in the second round of piloting Body Worn Camera (BWC) products. A public meeting is planned to discuss the exact product which will be used in the future. A date for this meeting is to be announced.

I. Report from the Chair

Chair Mickey Bradley encouraged Board members to attend the APD meeting in order to speak to new officers on March 27, 2017. There is also an opportunity on May 3, 2017, for the Board to speak with the trainers who conduct the Crisis Intervention Training program on behalf of the APD and learn useful information about the program.

Chair Bradley noted that a Board Retreat/Training this spring is under consideration. Specific topics for the Retreat are yet to be determined. The event will be held on a Saturday in order to accommodate most members' work schedules.

Chair Bradley participated on behalf of the CPRB at the January 23, 2017, "Healing Moments," panel discussion held at Albany Law School. The discussion was part of a series convened by the Albany County Executive's Office discussing police and community issues. Chair Bradley and Vice-Chair Morris also attended a roundtable discussion conducted by the NYS Attorney General's Office on January 25, 2017, at the NYS Capitol, and discussed investigations about officer shootings with a new sub-group the Attorney General's Office is pursuing.

Board members noted the value of professional development opportunities and the related costs that are covered by the City of Albany, including the Annual NACOLE Conference. The development of a travel policy for Board members (reimbursable expenses, etc.) is pending further discussion by Board members, Corporation Counsel, and the GLC. A Board ad-hoc committee was formed to initiate further discussion; committee members include Board member Reverend Victor Collier, Board Secretary Mike Grady, and Board member Matt Ingram.

Board member Larry Becker also expressed an interest in participating in an Albany Law School criminal investigation course. GLC Director Andy Ayers stated plans to forward Mr. Becker's request to the appropriate school faculty and later update Mr. Becker.

IV. Public Comment

No public comments at this time.

V. Adjournment

Board member Reverend Victor Collier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chair Ivy Morris seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Grady
Secretary



***Table 1 Complaints for Board Review**

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#16-12 / CC2012-041	Co. alleged 2 vehicles were seized from her residence with no warrant; during a search officers littered her home and refused to provide a warrant copy; Co. alleged a detective spent an unreasonable amount of time at her sibling's trial in Rensselaer County intending to harass her family.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence & Property Handling 2. Conduct Standards 3. Call Handling 4. Conduct Standards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Exonerated 4. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Exonerated 4. Unfounded <p>Discussion: The Board informed the Co. regarding the potential for filing another complaint form to address seized personal items that allegedly were wrongly seized and not returned.</p>
#24-12 / CC2012-054	Co. alleged his vehicle was seized without a warrant; the detective had conversations with Co.'s sibling regarding release of the vehicle but refused to do so; Co. alleged detective improperly attended his parole hearing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence & Property Handling 2. Conduct Standards 3. Conduct Standards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Unfounded 3. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Unfounded 3. Unfounded
#18-16/ CC2016-043	Co. alleged that an officer had a "discriminatory and capricious" attitude toward him, and refused to take his statement; Co. alleged that he was mailed a criminal summons as revenge against him for contacting the police.	N/A	1. Mediated	1. Mediated

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#19-16 / CC2016-045	Co. alleged that he was wrongly charged with possession of drugs and intent to sell.	N/A	N/A	Complainant withdrew complaint. Action: Closed No Review
#21-16 / CC2016-049	Co. alleged misconduct against a member of the New York City Police Department.	N/A	1. No Finding	1. No Finding
#22-16 / CC2016-047	Co. alleged misconduct against a member of the New York State Police.	N/A	1. No Finding	1. No Finding
#23-16 / CC2016-048	Co. alleged misconduct against a member of the New York State Police.	N/A	1. No Finding	1. No Finding