

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

Thursday, May 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Albany Law School, 1928 Building, Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom
80 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, N.Y.

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Mickey Bradley, Reverend Victor Collier, Charles Goodbee, Mike Grady, Ivy Morris, and Kerry Mulligan

Excused Absence: Maritza Martinez

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Mickey Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. New Business

A. *New Complaint(s)*

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

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

Board Members Larry Becker, Mickey Bradley, Reverend Victor Collier, Charles Goodbee, Mike Grady, and Kerry Mulligan all agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

C. *Committee/Task Force Reports*

By-Laws and Rules

No report at this time.

Education and Community Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris and CPRB Chair Mickey Bradley presented at the Rotary Club, and the information provided was well received. Ms. Morris plans to discuss with Citizen Action of New York Board members potential plans to coordinate a community outreach event slated for the month of June to be held at Citizen Action's offices.

Plans for a promotional pop-up banner have been delayed pending the Committee's decision regarding a suitable design image. Board Chair Bradley conveyed his thanks to a volunteer recruited by Committee member Charles Goodbee for submitting a design proposal for consideration.

Mediation

No report at this time.

Police Department Liaison

No report at this time.

Public Official Liaison

Committee Chair Mickey Bradley reported that there are currently two Board candidates under consideration by Common Council for the two existing vacancies, and interviews will be scheduled within the next several weeks.

Monitor Task Force

Task Force Co-Chair Kerry Mulligan reported that the Committee met at the Government Law Center recently to collect information regarding the Task Force's past activities. The GLC has assigned a staff attorney to gather information for the Task Force pertaining to other review Boards' approaches to monitor training.

The Task Force lacks one member, and Board members were invited to join.

D. *Report from the Government Law Center*

Coordinator for the CPRB, Maureen Obie, reported that as of May 11, 2016, there were 34 active complaints before the Board for review. Of those 34 active complaints, 5 were reviewed by the Board at tonight's meeting, leaving the Board with 29 active complaints. There are currently 14 cases ready for the Board's next meeting Agenda. A total of 680 complaints have been closed, including 33 complaints that have been closed with no review. The total number of complaints that remain suspended from the Board's review is 10. The total number of complaints filed to date is 724. Since the Board's last meeting on April 14, 2016, the GLC received 3 Grievance Forms, leaving the total number of forms received at 587. The Board's outreach to all individuals who have submitted grievance forms remains at 144 CPRB complaint forms received, or 27% effectiveness.

A 2015 4th Quarterly Report is ready for distribution to Board members, and a 2015 3rd Quarterly Report is currently pending GLC revisions prior to distribution.

Ms. Obie, along with Board member Kerry Mulligan and Secretary Mike Grady, attended an excellent NACOLE Academic Symposium at John Jay College of Criminal Justice on April 22, 2016. Some of the major topics were the challenges of implementing body-worn camera programs, examining issues regarding use of force, and generating evidence to increase police accountability and legitimacy. Board members Reverend Victor Collier, Kerry Mulligan, and Secretary Mike Grady are currently enrolled in the 13-week Albany Police Department Civilian Police Academy that began on March 30, 2016.

Amanda Rosenberg, a 2L Albany Law School student, has been hired as a Summer CPRB Research Assistant and has joined us for tonight's meeting. Ms. Rosenberg currently volunteers as a legal intern at Prisoners' Legal Services.

Currently 4 Board members have confirmed plans to attend the 2016 Annual NACOLE Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Amy Gunnells at the GLC has begun the process of registering Board members for the 2016 NACOLE Annual Conference. Ms. Gunnells also plans to make hotel reservations for Board members next week.

The Board will return to the UAlbany Downtown Campus for its next monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in Milne Hall, Levitt Room 120.

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

OPS Commander Michael Hicks reported that the APD Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy is currently in preliminary draft form that is undergoing internal review. Within the next several weeks, Deputy Chief Sears has tentative plans to distribute a draft policy to various Sub-committees for feedback, and later present the first draft policy to the public during an Albany Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting in late June. APD intends to pilot various BWC models as early as this summer. Cdr. Hicks advised that no BWC Sub-committee meetings will be held while the Department works diligently to achieve accreditation status by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA).

OPS continues to diligently assess incoming complaints for a case suitable for mediation. Board Chair Mickey Bradley noted that community leaders and citizens frequently inquire about the status of the CPRB mediation program.

Albany Police Department's Awards Ceremony will be held next Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m., at the College of Saint Rose to honor excellent service. Cdr. Hicks invited all Board members to attend.

F. *Report from the Chair*

Chair Mickey Bradley noted that the Board may want to consider alternate methods for scheduling the review of additional cases in order to avoid the steady accumulation of cases during the summer hiatus.

Chair Mickey Bradley met with Dr. Alice Green, Executive Director of the Center for Law and Justice, as part of a series of one-on-one community stakeholders meetings to discuss any concerns regarding the CPRB.

Board member Reverend Victor Collier, Chair Mickey Bradley, and Coordinator Maureen Obie attended the St. Anne Institute's Annual "Wine, Dine and Stein" event to accept an award and resolution on behalf of the Board.

Chair Bradley advised that recommendations contained in University at Albany Center for Human Research's CPRB research study warrants follow up discussion by Board members. Chair Bradley suggested that an ad hoc Task Force be formed to address the recommendations. Chair Bradley asked that Board members communicate to him following tonight's meeting their availability to join the ad hoc Task Force.

IV. Public Comment

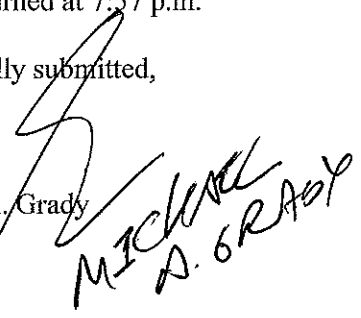
Vice Chair Ivy Morris expressed optimism for attending the APD's upcoming community Implicit Bias Training, and she noted its many benefits to the community.

V. Adjournment

Board member Reverend Victor Collier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member Charles Goodbee seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Grady
Secretary



***Table 1 Complaints for Board Review**

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#14-15 & #17-15 / CC2015-033	Co. alleged attempting to report physical stalking by calling DV detective office and visiting South Station, but report was refused; Co. also needed to report being sprayed with unknown chemical at shelter - no report was taken.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrest Authority & Procedures 2. Arrest Authority & Procedures 3. Arrest Authority & Procedures 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not Sustained 2. Not Sustained 3. No Finding 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not Sustained 2. Not Sustained 3. No Finding
#25-15 / CC2015-047	Co. alleged she was victim of assault and responding APD officers never called an ambulance; alleged she went to South Station where she was spoken to by Sergeant in a hostile manner and no report was filed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Handling 2. Call Handling 3. Conduct Standards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 2. Not Sustained 3. Not Sustained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 2. Not Sustained 3. Not Sustained

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#27-15 / CC2015-048	Co. alleged that he ignored an APD officer's command to stop while operating his bicycle, attempted to swerve around the police vehicle, and couldn't avoid hitting the vehicle; officer assisted the complainant and summoned EMS.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrest Authority & Procedures 2. Department Vehicle Operations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained
#34-15 / CC2015-056	Co. alleged APD officers unlawfully unlocked and entered the residence he was found in; alleged officers threatened to release dogs and shoot without regard for infant stated to be present inside; alleged that while in a kneeling position dogs were allowed to bite him repeatedly, and officers used excessive force and refused him medical attention; alleged police dog was allowed to roam residence loose while infant was unprotected.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Force 2. Call Handling 3. Call Handling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Unfounded
#09-16 / CC2016-006	Complaint <u>withdrawn</u> by complainant by phone.	n/a	n/a	Action: Board voted to <u>postpone</u> vote to "Close / No Review" pending distribution of Citizen Complaint Form copies to Board members.