

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

Thursday, October 15, 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

Excused Absence(s): Reverend Edward B. Smart

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

Secretary Mickey Bradley motioned to approve the Agenda. Board member Charles Goodbee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. New Business

A. New Complaint(s)

1. Three new complaints received by the Board since its last meeting on September 17, 2015 were read aloud providing Board members with a second opportunity to appoint an independent monitor.
 - i. CPRB No. 29-15 / OPS No. CC2015-058 - The Board did not vote to appoint a monitor.
 - ii. CPRB No. 30-15 / OPS No. 2015-052 - The Board did not vote to appoint a monitor.
 - iii. CPRB No. 31-15 / OPS No. CC2015-054 - The Board did not vote to appoint a monitor.
2. *Complaint(s) 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, Mike Grady, Kerry Mulligan and David Rozen 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.

Education and Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris reported that several Board members are invited to participate on a University at Albany graduate urban planning class panel discussion along with Common Council members Kelly Kimbrough and Dorsey Applrys, and Albany Community Police Advisory Committee (ACPAC) members on October 22, 2015. The panel topic is community policing. Committee member David Rozen stated plans to attend LGBT Law Day at Albany Law School.

Mediation

Committee Chair Maritza Martinez reported that the Committee is currently reviewing mediation protocols.

Police Department Liaison

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

Public Official Liaison

No report at this time. Vice-Chair David Rozen acknowledged that Albany Common Council Public Safety Committee Chair Leah Golby was present.

D. Report from the Government Law Center

Coordinator for the CPRB Maureen Obie delivered the GLC Report.

As of tonight's meeting, there are currently 61 active complaints before the Board for review. Of those 61 active complaints, 6 were reviewed by the Board at tonight's meeting. An additional 18 complaints already reviewed by the Board are pending the drafting of request letters for final determinations and/or re-investigation from APD. This leaves the Board with 55 active complaints. We have at least seven (7) cases ready to go on the next meeting Agenda. Six hundred one complaints have been closed. The total number of complaints that remain suspended from review is 10. The total number of complaints filed to date is 707. Since the last Board meeting, the GLC received 0 grievance forms, bringing the total number of forms received to 507. In response to the Board's outreach to all individuals, it has received 141 CPRB complaint forms, which is 28%.

Six Board members attended the 2015 NACOLE Conference this year, including Chair Reverend Edward Smart, Vice-Chair David Rozen, Secretary Mickey Bradley, Larry Becker, Charles Goodbee, and Mike Grady. A debriefing meeting has been suggested; the Board will be canvassed next week for their availability. A highlight of the conference was the membership acknowledging Reverend Smart's years of service and commitment to NACOLE with a standing ovation and unanimous vote in support of drafting a resolution to that effect.

There are currently no Board vacancies. Board members Mike Grady and Kerry Mulligan have received the required OPS and GLC trainings thus officially qualifying them to vote.

To date, two Board members have provided feedback regarding the initial draft report submitted by University at Albany Center for Human Services researchers. Responses

received by Friday, October 23, 2015, will be forwarded to UAlbany and included in second draft edits. UAlbany researchers have tentative plans to present a final report to the Board at its November 12, 2015, meeting.

The transcription of meeting minutes and routine reports routinely require extensive GLC staff and research assistant work hours. In an effort to streamline those projects and the related cost to the City, the implementation of a new abbreviated meeting minutes format is planned.

An evening reception is scheduled for Chair Reverend Edward Smart, in honor of six years of service on the Board, on Thursday, October 29, at 4:30 p.m. at Albany Law School in the West Foyer. A resolution will be presented during the reception to Reverend Smart by Mayor Sheehan, as well as a resolution on behalf of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE).

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

The City of Albany was recently awarded a grant for body worn cameras (BWC). An initial department meeting was held this morning with APD officers and commanding units. Several BWC subcommittees are pending formation and CPRB and community member involvement will be solicited as valued stakeholders. APD has a long term goal of providing all officers with BWCs, pending the availability of budget resources.

OPS reported that the office's processing for new officer recruits will begin over the next several weeks. Discussion took place regarding APD's tentative plans to include Board presentations during future APD new recruit trainings beginning in January or February 2016.

Board members confirmed future plans to discuss details contained in monthly APD Early Warning System reports provided to Board members.

F. Report from the Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Adjournment

Secretary Mickey Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board member Ivy Morris. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Grady
Secretary

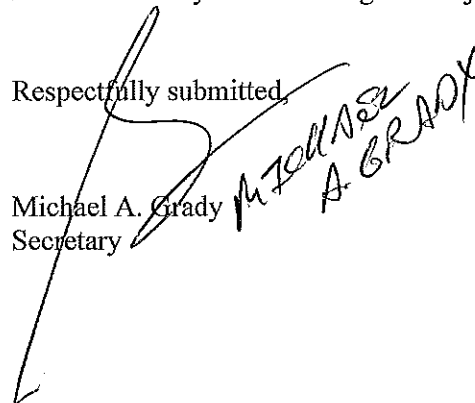
A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MICHAEL A. GRADY', is written over the typed name and title.

Table 1. Complaint(s) for Board Review

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#38-14 / CC2014-091	Co. alleged APD officers refused to assist with locating lost service animal abused by a group of juvenile males.	1. Call Handling 2. Call Handling 3. Call Handling	1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 3. Exonerated	1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 3. Exonerated Recommendation: Board voted to recommend APD standard operating procedures be revised to include mandatory timely and efficient filing of incident reports by officers.
#09-15 / CC2015-026	Co. alleged incidents involving harassment and stalking by New York State Police; Alleged being stopped by APD officers unnecessarily for jumping library fence.	1. Conduct Standards 2. Call Handling	1. No Finding 2. Unfounded	1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained
#25-14 / CC2014-066	Co. alleged unlawful arrest by APD officers; Allegation of officers' rudeness, unprofessionalism, and threatening remarks.	1. Arrest Authority & Procedures 2. Conduct Standards 3. Conduct Standards	1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Not Sustained	1. Exonerated 2. Not Sustained 3. Not Sustained
#27-14 / CC2014-076	Co. alleged APD officer demonstrated rudeness, and unethical performance of duties.	1. Conduct Standards 2. Conduct Standards	1. Not Sustained 2. Exonerated	1. Not Sustained 2. Exonerated

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#11-14 / CC2014-035	Co. alleged APD officer used excessive force while taking Co. into custody, and tampered with store video footage; Alleged being denied medical attention.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Force 2. Conduct Standards 3. Conduct Standards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Unfounded 	Action: Monitor was unable to be present; Board voted to postpone review until next meeting.
#02-15 / CC2015-005	Co. alleged APD officers refused to file incident report and sufficiently investigate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Handling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unfounded