

City of Albany
Citizens' Police Review Board

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
GWU the Center, 274 Washington Avenue (Teen Center Community Room)

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Larry Becker, Mickey Bradley, Charles Goodbee, Mike Grady, Ivy Morris, Kerry Mulligan, Reverend Edward B. Smart

Excused Absence(s): Maritza Martinez, David Rozen

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Reverend Edward Smart called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. New Business

A. New Complaint(s)

1. Five new complaints received by the Board since its last meeting, on June 11, 2015 were read aloud providing Board members with a second opportunity to appoint an independent monitor.
 - i. CPRB No. 21-15 / OPS No. CC2015-034 - The Board did not vote to appoint a monitor.
 - ii. CPRB No. 22-15 / OPS No. CC2015-031 - The Board did not vote to appoint a monitor.
 - iii. CPRB No. 23-15 / OPS No. CC2015-043 - The Board did not vote to appoint a monitor.
 - iv. CPRB No. 26-15 / OPS No. CC2015-049 - The Board did not vote to appoint a monitor.
 - v. CPRB No. 28-15 / OPS No. CC2015-050 - 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, Maritza Martinez, Ivy Morris, Kerry Mulligan, and Reverend Edward Smart all agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

C. Committee/Task Force Reports

By-Laws and Rules

There was no report.

Education and Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris reported that several Committee members attended an AVillage, Inc. meeting on August 13th at the South End Capital Center, and answered challenging questions asked by attendees. Committee members provided a detailed explanation of the complainant review process and Board powers and responsibilities during the meeting.

Ms. Morris invited all Board members to table at the 2015 Annual Mississippi Day, at Lincoln Park, on Saturday, September 19th, in conjunction with the Albany Community Police Advisory Committee, or ACPAC.

CPRB branding, and the purchase of needed outreach supplies are pending further discussion by the Committee.

Mediation

Committee Chair Maritza Martinez reported that a successful Mediator Orientation was held at Albany Law School on September 17th, at which 5 new mediators received training. A subsequent follow up Committee meeting is planned for October 6th.

Police Department Liaison

Committee Chair Mickey Bradley reported that he attended the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) conference in Washington, D.C., which he was invited to by Chief Cox. The conference was attended by a collection of police chiefs and community members from across the nation, to discuss strengthening police/community relationships. Mr. Bradley distributed to Board members a debriefing of his thoughts regarding that experience.

Chair Reverend Edward Smart co-presented with OPS Commander Michael Hicks at a well-attended evening forum held at Albany Law School on September 16th. The panel discussion generated thoughtful discussions.

Public Official Liaison

Chair Reverend Edward Smart reported that a new Police Exam will be administered on November 14, 2015, and related announcements were disseminated publicly.

D. Report from the Government Law Center

Interim Coordinator for the CPRB Maureen Obie delivered the GLC Report.

This leaves the Board with 46 active complaints. The Board has at least 4 cases ready to go on the next meeting Agenda. Six hundred seven 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 702. Since the last Board meeting, the GLC received 6 grievance forms, bringing the total number of forms received to 507. In response to the Board's outreach to all individuals, we have received 141 CPRB complaint forms, which is 28%.

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

Detective Kathy Hendrick delivered the OPS report on behalf of Commander Michael Hicks. Det. Hendrick reviewed the Early Warning System (EWS) report. OPS has approximately four preliminary reports ready for the Board's review. Chair Reverend Edward Smart explained to Board members how the Early Warning System (EWS) originated and its benefits.

F. *Report from the Chair*

Chair Reverend Edward Smart acknowledged Board member Maritza Martinez's recent loss of her father-in-law. Following the next Board meeting, Chair Smart's 6 year tenure with the Board will conclude.

IV. Public Comment

City of Albany Corporation Counsel Patrick Jordan commented on the steadily improved disposition of APD perception of the CPRB since it originated in 2000, as well as the increasing trust between the Union and the CPRB. He noted that the general public knows that the CPRB listens to Albany citizens. Additionally, Mr. Jordan commented that the Board's success is due to Chair Reverend Smart's incredible leadership. The CPRB is, as a result, in a better position for future success. A complainant in attendance thanked the CPRB for being in existence.

V. Adjournment

Secretary Mickey Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board member Larry Becker. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael A. Grady
Secretary

Table 1. Complaint(s) for Board Review

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#51-13 / CC2013-134	Co. alleged an illegal traffic stop by APD officers; alleged officers conducted an improper arrest and used excessive force	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrest Authority & Procedures 2. Arrest Authority & Procedures 3. Arrest Authority & Procedures 4. Conduct Standards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 3. Exonerated 4. Unfounded 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 3. Exonerated 4. No Finding
#36-14 / CC2014-086	Co. alleged improper stop by APD officer; alleged discourtesy, and use of unnecessary force.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Handling 2. Call Handling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exonerated 2. Exonerated
#39-14 / CC2014-093	Co. alleged APD officers used excessive force during an arrest; Taser used after handcuffs applied; alleged money missing from Co.'s property.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Force 2. Evidence & Property Handling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not Sustained 2. Not Sustained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not Sustained 2. Not Sustained
#7-15 / CC2015-018	Co. alleged APD officer demonstrated abusive behavior and daily harassment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Standards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Finding 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Finding