

MINUTES OF THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD MEETING

November 22, 2021

- Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM. Members in attendance were Ross-Lee, Rivera-Berrios, Crouse, Avshalom-Smith, Carter, Counsel, Fawcett, Hamm, Jenkins, Johnson, Pescatore, Richardson, Avshalom-Smith, and Wingate.
- Approval of Minutes. Avshalom Smith

The Minutes of the meeting were passed over.

- Internal Affairs report Captain Zanelli and Lt Colon gave the monthly report. There was a lengthy discussion of a complaint that emerged from a response to a call for a burglary that resulted in the chase and the arrest of several juveniles not involved in the burglary
- Public comment.

The Board discussed making sure that members do what they can to review cases.

- Subcommittee Reports. The subcommittee reported on their review of several cases- Case #21C-019 and the Case #21C-018 complaints filed the same day against the same officer at Walmart. The committee offered its recommendations about officers who punched civilians and asked that standards for throwing punches to face or head because even though it may be allowed it doesn't demonstrate restraint or calmness to the public. Case 21 I-0 which also involved punches to the head at 157 Church Street. Failing to deescalate and failing to make arrest in a manner Officer be trained when people feel being treated unfairly because of rate. And other officers should feel comfortable advising others officer to step back if they feel they are acting appropriately.
- Unfinished business and General Policy Items.

There was agreement to have a pro bon review of a case by Attorney Liam Brennan.

Member Crouse: reminded everyone to respond to the outstanding requests for cases backlog and for ihollaback training. It was agreed that by December 6th everyone would respond by filling out the form.

Subcommittee Review Process proposed by Member Hamm was adopted.

Member Crouse noted that Lt. Colon offered the CRB the opportunity to review the case 21C-065 where the complaint was sustained. And the Board agreed to do so.

No new business

- Discussion and consideration of complaints and reports.

Member Crouse asked about the reports and that a template would be created so that report would be submitted with a summary of what has been done, the training, the number of cases, and the amount of review cases and recommendations from the CRB.

- Recess to closed session, if appropriate. No Recess was held
- Return to open session after closed session. No action.
- Act on complaints and reports. No additional action on complaints and reports.

Chair Ross-Lee requested that an upcoming meeting be in person. Board members concerns were expressed, and vote was taken and approved that before a meeting be in person everyone be vaccinated twice and that everyone who qualifies for booster shots have those as well.

Chair Ross-Lee congratulated member Avshalom-Smith on being elected to the Board of Alders.

It was noted that the City of Meriden has created their Civilian Board and wanted to let this Board know that.

- Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,