

MINUTES OF THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD MEETING

OF July 26, 2021

- Roll Call.

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

Absent were members: Fawcett

- Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2021 were approved.

- Internal Affairs report.

Lt. Zanelli gave his monthly report and noted that civil complaint form was being amended. He also noted the date of promotions was June 29th at 3 PM at City Hall. He noted that any close cases can be reviewed at the Office at anytime. He is still awaiting Corporation Counsel on reviewing case information before file was closed. He agreed he would provide information to any questions raised.

- Public comment.

Member Richardson was recognized he offered that he had been approached by the Deas Case and also asked that all complaints about the officer involved in the Walmart case be provided to the CRB and noted information he had on the second Walmart Case. He recommended reviewing all cases with the complainants.

After discussion, Chair Ross-Lee explained that in similar situations, members should recuse themselves from the CRB review and action on the matter and inquired whether the information that the member is aware of should be considered in the CRB's review.

Member Wingate suggested that all information be reviewed by staff and members involved recuse themselves from the committee.

- Subcommittee Reports.

Member Wingate explained that Review Committee #1 met and had the CRB staff contact the complainants that Member Jenkins asked for review. Staff heard from one and found the complainant competent. On the other the Albino case no one responded to extensive outreach opportunities.

There was then discussion about reviewing the first case discussed because there was an interpretation that the review committees could only do one case at a time. After discussion it was decided to have staff review the language for clarification on composition of subcommittees.

Antibias training: IHollaback was selected as the training.

Follow up on commissioners. NHPD responded sent over agenda training committee identified options best to get but no consensus as only three responded other half did not. Will draft and email offline and send over to police training committee. Want to get from them: Cultural Awareness and Diversity

Training, Overview of service calls and complaints, interview and interrogation and use of force. state and city statutes (depending on what they talked about) and overview of emergency operations vitr system de-escalation and defensive tactics, mitigation of bias behavior by officers, dealing with mentally disabled and mentally ill individuals and recruitment. It was agreed that this list be forwarded by Member Crouse to the NHPD with a request to have this training on August 21 from 1-4 pm.

- Unfinished business and General Policy Items.

Member Crouse shared this google doc with all case information. [https://drive.google.com/open?](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1H3fIOjn7wJtiPzPzvONNZRFjyhmsVdcw&authuser=richard.crouse%40yale.edu&usp=drive_fs)

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- New business.

No new business

- Discussion and consideration of complaints and reports.

It was agreed to setup a review committee for Case #21C-019 the case the former Chief Reyes referred the case.

It was agreed to setup a review committee for Case #21C-018 the other complaint filed the same day against the same officer at Walmart.

It was determined agreed to postpone going through all closed complaints to determine whether to review them at the August meeting.

Recess to closed session, if appropriate.

No Recess was held

- Return to open session after closed session.

No action.

- Act on complaints and reports.

It was determined agreed to postpone going through all closed complaints to determine whether to review them at the August meeting.

- Adjournment.

Chair Ross-Lee noted he will be absent at next meeting. He also suggested members look at alternate dates for meetings maybe a Saturday or a second day. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,