

**CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
December 17, 2015**

Present at the meeting were Civilian Review Board members Charlene Bourne (Chair, Eastern District), Joyce Green (Secretary, Central District), Keisha Allen (Southern District), Mary Denise Davis (Northern District), Odessa Neale (Northwestern District), and John Wesby (Southeastern District).

Also present were:

Kisha A. Brown, Director of the Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement
Evangula Brown, CRB Investigator
Shaun Clark, CRB Investigator
Deputy Eric Cox, Sheriff's Office
Chief Rodney Hill, Baltimore City Police
Joe Ashton, NAACP
Amy Cruice, ACLU of MD
Dr. Marvin Cheethum

I. Welcome from the Chair

Chair Bourne welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 5:39 p.m. with a quorum present. This is the first meeting with a representative from the ACLU and NAACP in attendance. Ms. Amy Cruice represented the ACLU and Mr. Joe Ashton represented the NAACP.

II. Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

III. Minutes

The November 19, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. New Complaints

Secretary Green polled the Board for their votes, which were as follows:

PD073-15	CRB simultaneously investigate
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PD079-15 IAD investigate
PD080-15 CRB simultaneously investigate

Mr. Wesby was not present to participate in the new complaint votes, but did participate in the completed investigation votes.

V. Completed Investigations

PD015-13 / 13-0203 – Not Sustained
PD046-13 / 13-0395 – Not Sustained
CRB never received / 14-0521 - Sustained Officer #1 Excessive Force;
Not Sustained Officers #2 & 3
PD028-15 / 15-0310 – Not Sustained

For case 14-0521 wherein the Board voted to Sustain the excessive force charge against the first officer, Director Brown asked if the Board would like to make any recommendation to the Police Commissioner. Chief Hill stated he could have the Police Department's Matrix forwarded to the Board the next day. He also reiterated that although the case is over a year old, there is no statute date for excessive force. The Board decided they would review the Matrix and respond via email to Director Brown's office by the close of business Monday, December 21, 2015.

VI. Director's Report

Director Brown introduced the new CRB investigator, Evangula Brown and also announced that our Public Information Officer is scheduled to begin January 14, 2016. She will work on outreach for the services of each of our three boards.

Director Brown stated that she and Chief Hill have been meeting regularly to discuss problems such as delayed delivery of investigations from IAD and no notary availability at IAD and/or the districts causing part of a delay. They hope to make corrections as we move forward.

Director Brown asked the Board to be prepared for an election of a Chair and Secretary at the January meeting.

The Board can send in their original parking receipts and an invoice to Michele for reimbursement of parking at the monthly meetings. If no receipt is submitted, \$10 is the default amount of reimbursement per meeting. These reimbursements are usually done twice a year.

VII. Old Business

The Board has previously asked for the "What to do if you're stopped by the Police" cards to distribute in their respective districts. Ms. Cruice brought some for the board and will bring more to the January meeting. Ms. Cruice stated there are four versions of the card: one for citizens, one for non-citizens, and both in Spanish. She also offered to email them.

Secretary Green stated that she needs a supply of the new pamphlets. The pamphlet will be copied and mailed to her. The complaint forms are in the process of being updated by Investigator Clark and an intern from the University Of MD School Of Law.

Chair Bourne asked about the new brochures, posters and complaint forms being available to each district and office where a complaint can be filed. Chief Hill said the Inspection Unit is under his supervision now and he will assure the information is readily available in each district. Director Brown asked Chief Hill for written confirmation that the posters are posted at each district. Chief Hill agreed to provide the written confirmation. Chair Bourne stated she would email the Community Relations Council Presidents asking them to go to their districts to confirm.

Chief Hill stated there has been a hold-up in scheduling the Take-Down Training; however, Lt. Jerome Forest is now assigned to Internal Affairs and has started working to identify possible dates to do all of the training at once. This training will be the same as the "grand jury training". Date options will be forwarded to the Board to decide. Chair Bourne suggested the Board consider meeting where the training is held.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Ashton asked for a copy of the binder that was mentioned in the November minutes, as well as the pamphlet and cd. The Board will get that information to him.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Masters
Staff to the Board