

**CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
February 19, 2015**

Present at the meeting were Civilian Review Board members Charlene Bourne (Chair, Eastern District), Keisha Allen (Southern District), William Brent (Southwestern District), Sunny Cooper (Northwestern District) and Joyce Green (Central District). Chief Rodney Hill & Det. Theresa Scott (Internal Affairs Division), Sgt. Norman Coleman (School Police), Kisha Brown (Director, Office of Civil Rights) and the CRB investigator also attended. The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:40.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

II. Minutes

The January 15, 2015 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. New Complaints

PD001-15	CRB investigate
PD002-15	CRB investigate
PD003-15	IAD only investigate
PD004-15	Not CRB jurisdiction
PD005-15	IAD only investigate
PD006-15	CRB investigate
PD007-15	CRB investigate
PD008-15	IAD only investigate
PD009-15	IAD only investigate
PD010-15	IAD only investigate

The Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement's new Director, Kisha Brown, asked the Board how they determine if they vote to have the CRB Investigator investigate a complaint simultaneously with IAD, or if they only review IAD's completed investigation. The Board answered that the severity of the complaint is how they base their vote and they all have their own individual reasoning.

IV. Completed Investigations

14-0049	Not Sustained
14-0085	Not Sustained
PD020-14 / 14-0103	Not Sustained
14-0247	Not Sustained
PD024-14	Not Sustained

V. **Old Business**

Chair Bourne asked Chief Hill why the Board is still not receiving the new Civilian Review Board complaints on time, and sometimes not until the completed investigation is delivered. Chief Hill stated that he just hired someone who will have that responsibility.

Chair Bourne also asked Chief Hill why there isn't one person per shift available to notarize the complaints at Internal Affairs since they are open 24 hours. Chief Hill responded that IAD isn't open 24 hours, and they close at 8 p.m. Keisha Allen stated that the Southern District closes at 6 p.m. and has a sign up that says to call 311 or 911 after 6 p.m., but the Police Department is supposed to be available 24 hours. Joyce Green stated that the Central District is open, but the Southeastern District closes too. Chief Hill stated that the closings are a manpower issue and has to do with officers at the front desk without weapons. Chair Bourne stated that if a citizen wants to file a CRB complaint after dark, there needs to be places for them to do that and have it notarized at that time because it is a deterrent for a person who wants to file a complaint but has to return another time to have it notarized.

There were two completed investigations voted on this month that were received expired from IAD and Chair Bourne asked Chief Hill why they received them expired. Chief Hill stated that IAD is down to 16 detectives and the investigations are taking longer to get done. Chief Hill has asked for more employees and wants to put Lt. Forrest in charge of administrative tasks.

VI. **New Business**

Chair Bourne asked Sgt. Coleman if School Police Officers carry guns. Sgt. Coleman responded that they do carry guns, but not inside the buildings. He said that every jurisdiction in Maryland except for Baltimore City allows officers to be armed with guns.

Sunny Cooper asked if the Board is going to begin tracking officers. Chair Bourne stated that is why she asked Chief Hill to have a presentation on the Early Warning System to be given to the Board and it will be done in March. In addition, Chief Hill stated the Medical Examiner's Training may be available to the Board in May.

Mr. Brent stated that Gary Pearson lives in the southwestern district and would like to take his place representing the district. Ms. Brown would like the Board to be at its full capacity. Chair Bourne stated she could send her the list of

candidates from the Mayor's Office that she received. Chair Bourne reminded everyone that the candidates must not be a city employee or police officer, and must be committed to the reading involved.

The Board will meet at City Hall for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 19, 2015 in the Reeves Conference Room. The Department of Justice plans to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Masters
Staff to the Board