

**CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
January 15, 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), Deputy Eric Cox (Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Norman Coleman (School Police), Larry Ennels (Community Relations Commission) and the CRB investigator also attended. The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

II. Minutes

The December 18, 2014 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. New Complaints

SCH50-14 IAD only investigate
PD051-14 IAD only investigate

IV. Completed Investigations

PD058-13 / 13-0736 - Not Sustained
PD010-14 / 14-0023 – Sustained Excessive Force;
Not Sustained Abusive Language
PD013-14 / 14-0136 – Tied vote to Sustain / Not Sustain
PD015-14 / 14-0184 – Not Sustained

The Board discussed the taser that was used by the officer in case PD010-14. Chair Bourne asked Chief Hill if there was any way the taser could go off without a thumb on the trigger and Chief Hill responded that he didn't think so. The investigation revealed the taser went off three times and the officer did not report it. The Board Sustained Excessive Force.

V. Old Business

Chair Bourne asked Chief Hill why it should review expired cases. Chief Hill indicated that excessive force allegations could result in charges against an officer even after the one year period.

Chair Bourne had four files from IAD that were sent to the Board, but did not have a CRB form. These files were initial complaints wherein the complainant did not follow through with filing the complaint or contacting IAD after the initial contact. Therefore Chair Bourne returned the files to Chief Hill.

The Mayor's Office is working on filling the vacant positions on the Board in the northeastern, southeastern, western and northern districts.

VI. New Business

Sunny Cooper asked when the Board could discuss tweaking its procedures and the document she drafted. Chair Bourne suggested picking another time to go over it and said Wednesdays are better for her. The Board would try to pick a day that was good for each of them. Chair Bourne stated that she expects the Civilian Review Board law to be going back to Annapolis for some changes.

Chair Bourne asked Chief Hill if IAD could send a representative to the February meeting to talk about their Early Warning System. Chief Hill also invited the Board to attend Medical Examiner's Office training in March during the day. Bruising and other things will be discussed.

Our CRB Investigator informed the Board that he received a call from the complainant in case PD007-14. The Board voted in December and her allegation of abusive language was Sustained by himself, IAD, and the CRB. The complainant did not check off "Excessive Force". Chief Hill stated that IAD Sustained "Unwarranted Action" in that case, and that the officer putting his hands on her did not rise to the level of Excessive Force. The Board asked its Investigator to follow-up with the Complainant and inform her that the three separate charges against the officer were Sustained and that in light of the results of the IAD investigation, there was no need to go forward with an additional investigation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Masters
Staff to the Board