

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

Present at the meeting were Civilian Review Board members Charlene Bourne (Chair, Eastern District), William Brent (Southwestern District), Mary Denise Davis (Northern District), Joyce Green (Central 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
Deputy Eric Cox, Sheriff's Office
Lt. Victor Gearhart, Fraternal Order of Police
Lt. Michael Norris, Baltimore Police Department, Internal Affairs
Michael Ryan, Civilian Review Board

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

I. Welcome from the Chair

Chair Bourne welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new Board member Ms. Odessa Neale who was attending her first meeting representing the Northwestern District. After introductions, the Board Chair briefly discussed its process, and explained how they vote and what happens after they vote to Ms. Neale.

II. Minutes

Mr. Brent moved to accept and approve the minutes. Ms. Green seconded the motion and the July 16, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.

III. New Complaints

PD035-15	CRB simultaneously investigate
PD036-15	CRB simultaneously investigate
PD037-15	CRB simultaneously investigate
PD038-15	CRB simultaneously investigate
PD039-15	IAD investigate

The Board discussed complaint PD038-15 which is filled out and signed with the body of the complaint stating "I no longer feel safe enough to move forward with this." According to Lt. Michael Norris of IAD, Detective Scott responded to the complainant's home to take the information from the complainant; however the complainant did not want to go forward with the complaint. There was discussion on if the complaint should have been filed. It was agreed that the CRB would

investigate and a telephone call to the complaint was in line to see if she wanted to go forward with her complaint and learn about why she didn't feel safe finishing the form.

On new complaint PD039-15, Director Brown asked Lt. Norris why the Board is getting a new case at the same time as getting the completed investigation, over a year after the complaint was made. The Board decided to send a letter to the Police Commissioner and copy the Mayor about this issue continuing. Chair Bourne stated that she would talk with Chief Hill and the Police Commissioner about the continuing issue as well.

IV. Completed Investigations

Director Brown stated that although cases may be expired, the Board could still request an investigation.

CRB Never Rec'd complaint / IAD 14-0365 - Not Sustained

CRB# PD037-14 / IAD 14-0401 – Sustained

*CRB# PD039-15 / IAD 14-0405 - Not Sustained

CRB# PD029-14 / IAD 14-0406 - Sustained

CRB Never Rec'd complaint / IAD 14-0415 – Not Sustained

*Completed investigation arrived from IAD on 8/20/15 and that same new complaint arrived 9/14/15.

V. Director's Report

Director Brown welcomed Ms. Odessa Neale to her first meeting as a Board member representing the Northwestern District. She also informed the Board that Investigator Ryan's last day of work will be September 30th as he is entering retirement. Director Brown also reminded the Board members of the 26th Annual Civil Rights Breakfast that the agency will host on September 25th at the Hilton Hotel in hopes of their attending. She also reported that she is in the process of hiring a CRB Investigator and Community Mediator. The mediation process will be completely voluntary by all parties. Chair Bourne asked if the Board will be participating in the interviews. Joyce Green stated she believes the Board should have a say in the interview process.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VII. New Business

The Board discussed planning training for the new members which would include going to IAD, training on the take-down techniques, and gun range training. Chief Hill and Chair Bourne will coordinate dates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Masters
Staff to the Board