

AGENDA
Baltimore City Civilian Review Board
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2022
Place: Enabled by Cisco WebEx
6:00-8:00 pm

I. Welcome & call to order

- Mel Currie, Southwestern District
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District
- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District
- Amy Cruice, ACLU
- Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor
- Tiffany Jones, CRB Investigator
- Caylin Young, OECR Deputy Director
- John Wesley, OECR
- BPD Sergeant Lloyd
- Michele Herring, Baltimore Community Mediation

II. Review and approval of agenda

- Approved

III. Review and approval of minutes

- November 2021 – Approved
- December 2022 – Approved

IV. Director's Report

- Mariel Shutinya: 60 completed investigations; 49 decisions; 18 sustained cases; 117 CRB intakes; received 167 complaints from PIB and converted 8 to CRB complaints; January PIB meeting was postponed to 2/1/22 and the topic will be the mediation option offered on the complaint form; CRB continues to review PIB intake reports to see if any complaints are CRB eligible; CRB will ask PIB whether the CRB has to go through the MPIA process to get misconduct records for sustained complaints; formatted the bylaws to conform to Maryland law.

V. New Complaints:

- A. **CRB2021-0194:** Filed 11/23/2021 for Excessive Force. The complaint alleges that on 2/27/2021 the Complainant was arrested in Baltimore County and taken to the hospital for injuries. At the hospital, two BPD officers were present. The Complainant alleges that the BPD officers encouraged hospital staff to draw his blood and medicate him against his will. The BPD officers gave false information to the hospital regarding where his injuries came from, which impacted the medications he was given.
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – CRB investigation
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – CRB investigation
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – CRB investigation

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- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District - CRB investigation
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – CRB investigation
- B. **CRB2022-0001:** Filed 1/10/2022 for Harassment. The complaint alleges that the BPD is responsible for surveillance devices in his home and on his phone and tablet.
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – PIB investigation
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern District – PIB investigation
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – PIB investigation
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District – PIB investigation
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - PIB investigation
- C. **CRB2022-0002:** Filed 12/30/2021 against an identified BPD officer. On or about 12/8/2021, the Complainant was arrested by the BPD, during which he was injured. During the arrest, his personal property was confiscated. The Complainant attempted to obtain information about his criminal case from the subject officer, but the officer did not give him accurate information and does not return the Complainant’s phone calls. The Complainant believes his criminal case is over, but the subject officer is not providing information to him. The Complainant would like his personal property returned.
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – CRB investigation
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – CRB investigation
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – CRB investigation
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – CRB investigation
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District – CRB investigation

VI. Preliminary Reports

- A. **CRB2021-0170**
- Voted at a previous meeting to get more information; investigator has tried to contact the Complainant, but Complainant has not connected with the investigator, the investigator has tried several times, there wasn’t a lot of information in the initial complaint.
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern District – hold open for 3 months
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – hold open
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – hold it open for 3 months, see if we can contact the Complainant; reevaluate in 3 months
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – hold it open for 3 months, see if we can contact the Complainant; reevaluate in 3 months
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District - hold it open for 3 months, see if we can contact the Complainant; reevaluate in 3 months

VII. Completed Cases:

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- A. **CRB2018-0089**: Filed on 6/18/2018 for Harassment and Excessive Force against one identified BPD officer and one unidentified BPD officer. The Complainant alleges that beginning in 1999, BPD officers have used controlling devices that cause her brain to swell and zap her daughter's dog; have entered her home without permission; and threatened her.
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – Hard to follow the Complainant's story
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: Unfounded
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern District – Hard to follow the Complainant's story; subject officer wasn't located in BPD's database, tags didn't belong to the description of the person the Complainant described; Vote: Not Sustained
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District – For the same reasons vote is Unfounded
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – It's hard to determine what exactly the Complainant is saying, so it's difficult to determine whether it's Unfounded, so Not Sustained
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Vote: Not Sustained for Excessive Force
 - Vote - Not Sustained for Excessive Force
- B. **CRB2019-0193**: Filed 5/29/2020 against two identified BPD officers for Excessive Force. The complaint was by a Complainant on behalf of the Victim. The complaint alleges that on 11/4/2019 he was talking on the phone while walking to the store when he was approached by two individuals who were speaking aggressively to him. The Victim began to run away; he was not aware that the two individuals were police officers. While running, the Victim was struck by a police car, handcuffed, and taken to the hospital for an injury to his eye. The Victim alleges that excessive force was used in the arrest. BWC footage was provided by the PIB.
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – BWC was helpful in this case; Vote: Not Sustained for ofc A, Unfounded ofc W
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District - BWC didn't show car hitting him and did not show Excessive Force during arrest; ran and threw gun away during running
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: Ofc W Unfounded, he was not involved with the arrest; Vote: ofc A Not Sustained
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – Vote: Ofc W Unfounded, he was not involved with the arrest; Vote: ofc A Not Sustained
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Vote: Ofc W Unfounded, he was not involved with the arrest; Vote: ofc A Not Sustained
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District – Vote: Ofc W Unfounded, he was not involved with the arrest; Vote: ofc A Not Sustained
- C. **CRB2021-012**: Complaint filed 7/20/2021 alleging that a woman caused a car accident with her son (hereinafter the "Victim") who was driving a moped. The officers who responded to the scene of the accident did not believe what the Victim said about the accident. The woman had already threatened the Victim and he was scared. The Complainant told the officers that the Victim had medical issues that impacted the way

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he was reacting to the situation, but the officers didn't care. When the officers arrested them, they handled him roughly twisting his arm, and then made fun of him. The Victim had a cut that was untreated by the officers and wasn't treated until the juvenile detention facility ordered that the Victim be taken to the hospital.

- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - Two different descriptions of what happened from the Complainant and the Victim, and then different stories from the person driving the car and witnesses; the driver and witnesses account was more credible; the BWC footage was also helpful, as it showed that the officer wasn't mocking the Victim from outside of the vehicle window, the officer just couldn't hear him; BWC does not show that excessive force was used in the arrest; Vote: Excessive Force for ofc D is Not Sustained; Harassment for ofcs L & D is Not Sustained
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – Excessive Force for ofc D is Not Sustained; Harassment for ofcs L & D is Not Sustained
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Not Sustained for all (ofc D for Excessive Force; Harassment for ofc L and ofc D)
- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District – Not Sustained for all allegations
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: Not Sustained for all; the Complainant's account was contradicted by the BWC

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

- CRB legislation: ACLU had a press conference, Tiera spoke about the CRB and bill
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District - How do we want to move forward regarding the future of the CRB
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – We should respond; should we try to meet with the firm who wrote the report to help clarify the information you put in the report?
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - We could hold a town hall to education the public about the CRB
- Amy Cruice, ACLU – Hearings for the bills are coming up, we should prepare for the hearings
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Will work with Tyler to put together talking points; will reach out to ACLU to see if we should do a town hall; and will follow up next month on attendance
- Caylin Young – OECR has recommended to the mayor that no new board members be appointed to the CRB at this time.

X. New Business

- 2022 Elections of Secretary and Chair
 - Secretary: Mel Currie, Southwestern District nominates Natalie Novak, current Secretary, Northern District; Vote: carried

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- Chair: Mel Currie, Southwestern District nominates Tiera; Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District nominated Tyler Salley, Southeastern District; Vote: Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District for Chair carried
- Meeting times:
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District - will send out doodle poll for meeting days

XI. Adjournment