

**MINUTES**  
Baltimore City Civilian Review Board  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
January 31, 2024  
Place: Enabled by Zoom  
6:00-8:00 pm

**I. Welcome & call to order 6:19**

- Natalie Novak, Chair, Northern District
- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District
- Edward Carrington (Sheriff)
- Angela Wise
- Shannon-Community Member
- Tiffany Jones
- Sergeant Batey
- Megan Mishou
- Robin Drummond

**II. Review and approval of agenda**

- Chair Novak moved to approve the January 31, 2024 Agenda, seconded by Levi Zaslow.
- Agenda was approved without objection.

**III. Review and approval of minutes**

- December 2023-Approved
  - Chair Novak called for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - Levi Zaslow moved to approve the December, 2023 minutes, seconded by Chair Novak. Minutes were approved without objection.

**IV. Director's Report-Lisa Kelly**

- 2 - collaborative meetings, forums or presentations with CRB and the community in December – Total 44 in 2023
- 3 – Completed investigations. – Total 19 in 2023
- 2 - cases officially closed by the board in December – Total 15 for 2023
- 1 – cases with sustained allegations in December – Total 5 for 2023.
- 0 – CRB intakes for November – Total 43 intakes for 2023.
- 14 – notifications from Internal Affairs Divisions in November – Total 193 notifications for 2023.
- 0- new complaints sent to the Board – Total 13 for 2023
- 0 – Board authorized investigations for November – Total – 10 for 2023
- 0- Number of complaints referred to Internal Affairs only – Total one for 2023
- New CRB Member update; 4th Quarter report is nearly ready and will be sent to CRB members for review sometime next week
- Next PAB meeting is Monday, Feb 5
- Regarding the lack of statutorily complaint complaints for the board to consider; this is due to two factors: 1) staffing change at PIB, and 2) a new automated system for processing intakes

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- New automated intake processing system – should be ready in the next few days. Wingswept – Chair Novak asked about the new system. Chief Kelly will ask Megan Mishou to give an overview of the system.
- Chair Novak would like an update on the number of intakes for PAB and/or ACC.
  - How many people are filling out complaints. Chief Kelly will have Ms. Mishou give those numbers.
  - How many complaints do not go thru the PAB intakes for those that fall under CRB.
  - She would like to have the excessive force numbers for now. Chief Kelly will ask and follow-up.

**V. New Complaints:**

- **No New Complaints**

**VI. Completed Cases:**

**A. A. CRB2023-0051-1117SO/PAB2023-0117:** Filed on April 20, 2023, against two identified officers for harassment. The Complainant alleged that on December 21, 2022, two identified deputies from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office used intimidation practices to illegally enter one of his rental properties. The Complainant stated that he owns four rental properties in Southeastern Baltimore City. The Complainant alleged that the two identified deputies and a Baltimore City Department of Housing Investigator were targeting him and his property management company. When the deputies arrived at one of his rental properties, the Complainant stated that one of the deputies threatened to put a lien on the property and sell the Complainant's home if he did not provide his business financials to the deputy. The Complainant stated that he asked for a warrant, but the deputy stated that he didn't need one and that he would get an arrest warrant and charge the Complainant for obstruction if the Complainant didn't turn over the financial information. The Complainant stated that even after the Department of Housing proved that all of his licenses were up to date, the Sheriff's Office continued to place notices on his door. The Complainant also believes that he is being racially profiled. As a result, the Complainant stated that he has suffered distress and trauma from the incident. The Complainant is seeking financial compensation for his financial loss and mental anguish.

- Chair Novak:
  - Chair Novak read the summary of the case.

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- Chair Novak stated that she needed more information from the appeal hearing in order to determine a decision. There was no BWC and will have to rely on other types of documentation.
- The allegation is that the rental properties do not comply with the laws for Airbnb. A citation was issued for non-compliance and appealed to the Environmental Control Board (ECB). CRB cannot wait to find out what happens in circuit court and would like to request more information from the ECB.
- Levi Zaslow asked if there is any evidence of Harassment. He does not have a problem waiting for the ECB unless they are up against a deadline. He asked if Sheriff Carrington was on this case.
- Sheriff Edward Carrington stated that the allegation is about Harassment. This was unfounded through one board with a different understanding. The properties were found to be in violation of the city ordinance, and the property manager was doing short term leases for nurses. He was not available when the Sheriff's office went there. There was a tenant present but the property manager was not present. He needs to know what the actual complaints were against the officers.
- In addition, there was a protective order issue and the case was thrown out of court. The investigation was concluded in October that there was no violation.
- Sheriff Carrington state that the neighbor found out that there was an Airbnb violation. The rules were to be explained. They were greeted by a tenant and not a property owner.
- Chair Novak asked if the property owner's license was revoked by the citation. Sheriff Carrington said that there is supposed to be a license visible for each property.
- The Sheriff's Office is following the City's Ordinance. There is no specific ordinance per Sheriff Carrington. He did not have any information as they did not issue any citations.
- Sheriff Carrington stated that they did not have any specific investigators. There were two detectives at the time. This is a civil matter because it is a housing situation. He stated that it came to the Sheriff's office when it crossed between the neighbors and tenants. It comes to them: 1) if they commit perjury, 2) when there is actual fraud, or (3) whether they are in violation of state laws and evictions.
- Levi Zaslow asked the Sheriff if there are manual's in the law. "Do you think this is sufficiently filed with the code. He believes that there this is sufficient with the code." Sheriff Carrington stated that it came to the Sheriffs only because there became cross complaints and witness intimidation.
- Levi Zaslow asked if it should be added to legislation besides the code. Sheriff Carrington said that the code covers the jurisdictions.

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- Chair Novak asked regarding the rental fraud, “ did you have reasons to file criminal charges?” Sheriff Carrington said that they did not have cause to file criminal charges.
- Levi Zaslow asked if the ACC declined to charge. Sheriff Carrington did not have anything in his notes from the ACC. He found that on July 15 2023, the ACC decided that the sheriff should not be charged.
- Chair Novak was unsure how much bearing the information from the ECB would have on this case. She thanked Edward Carrington for his time in answering the questions. ( He left the meeting).
- Levi Zaslow asked if the ACC gives reasons for their Decision to not charge. Chair Novak stated that it is a cover sheet and does not show. If more information is captured from the ACC and they were able to share it with the CRB, she would like to see it. They will revisit this next month.

**VII. Public Comment**

- No comment

**VIII. Old Business**

- No old business

**IX. New Business**

- No new business
- Chair Novak stated the number of complaints filed with ACC and PAB will be next month.
- Statute that gives authority to review other complaints under 16-46-A(2)<sup>1</sup>
- The Board to continue the conversation about excessive force complaints.
- Levi Zaslow referenced CRB2022-070 – CRB requested more information filed on May 25<sup>th</sup> . He explained:
  - that they want to ensure that the statute of limitations does not run out.
  - We were hoping that our investigator could contact the other investigator about factors that led to the BPD policies with respect to angels approaching the vehicle.
  - Requesting BPD training materials on angles for approaching the vehicles.
- Is there any status on new Board Members.
  - Chief Kelly will follow up.
  - Chief Kelly will ask if Megan Mishou could give confirmation on new Board Members.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://civilrights.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/CRB%20Enabling%20Statute\\_2017.pdf](https://civilrights.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/CRB%20Enabling%20Statute_2017.pdf)

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**X. Adjournment**

- Chair Novak ended the meeting at 7:08pm.