

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

I. Welcome & call to order

- Mel Currie, Southwestern District
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District
- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District
- George Buntin, Western District
- Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor
- Lisa Kelly, OECR
- Amy Cruice, ACLU
- Sergeant Lloyd, BPD
- Lisa Parker Blyther – Equity Director, BPD
- Nicole Chang – NAACP Representative

II. Review and approval of agenda

- Approved

III. Review and approval of minutes

- June 2022 – approved
- April 2022 Administrative Meeting – approved
- Regular April minutes will be voted on in August

IV. Director's Report

- Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor - Reported statistics from January 2022 to present; 1 complaint obtained from BPD has been transformed to CRB statutory compliance; OECR attended community events; OECR trained Maryland Legal Aid community lawyers on how to complete a CRB complaint form; OECR staff is going to Jessup Correctional to provide information about how to complete the CRB complaint forms; OECR doing outreach for the youth complaint form; working on filling the 3 empty CRB board positions, have already received applications; OECR is getting case data; no update on the future of the CRB, will proceed as if CRB will continue to exist.

V. New Complaints:

- A. **CRB2022-0073:** Filed 5/31/2022 against an identified law enforcement officer regarding an incident at the Complainant's place of employment.
- Mel Currie, Southwestern – CRB investigation
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern – CRB investigation
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern – CRB investigation, please include a full translation of the complaint, which was filed in Spanish
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern – CRB investigation
- B. **CRB2022-0106:** Filed 6/15/2022 against an unidentified law enforcement officer for an incident that occurred at a shopping center.

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- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern - seems like the Complainant has an issue with the shopping center, not BPD, so not within our jurisdiction.
- Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor - during the intake the Complainant stated that when the officers arrived they stated that they thought he was conducting an illegal taxi service, so the officers banned him from the shopping center.
- Mel Currie, Southwestern – it is ambiguous who the allegations are against—the shopping center or BPD, so I tend to vote for a CRB investigation to clear it up
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern – CRB investigation
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern – CRB investigation

VI. Completed Cases:

- A. **CRB2021-0190/PIB 2021-1543:** Filed 11/28/2021 for Excessive Force, Abusive Language and Harassment against three identified BPD officers. On 11/10/2021, the Complainant was involved in a car accident and when BPD officers arrived to the scene, one of the subject officers used inappropriate communication with the Complainant while the Complainant was fully compliant with the officers. The Complainant was taken to the hospital to be treated for injuries. After the accident, the Complainant's car was towed and the tow truck driver called the officers to notify them that a firearm was found in the car. Upon her release from the hospital, the Complainant was grabbed by three officers who intended to arrest her for the firearm. The Complainant notified the officers that she is an abuse survivor and requested that she not be touched. The officers grabbed and touched her anyway. For instance, the Complainant alleged that one of the officers placed his penis on her and would not remove himself from her even after she repeatedly told him that she was sexually molested. The BWC shows the Complainant repeatedly telling one of the officers, "Get your dick off of me!" To which the officer replied, "Ok, get in the [police] car and I will." The officer also touched her shoulder in an area that was close to her breasts. The BWC appears to show that the Complainant was triggered by the only female officer at the scene, who stood by and watched the officer touch the Complainant inappropriately during the arrest. Several times the Complainant asked for the other two male officers to intervene, but they stood by and allowed it to continue. The Complainant repeatedly asked the officers not to touch her and to call her mother because she was scared. The officers refused to call her mother at that time. The situation escalated and the Complainant began showing symptoms of a mental health crisis, which were not taken into account by the officers. Further, she was arrested in a manner that did not consider the injuries from the car accident. Finally, the officers would not tell her why she was being arrested.
- i. Case held over to July meeting to review body-worn camera footage
 - ii. Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern - We need to determine whether non-voting members can view the BWC, so it will be viewed next month
 - iii. Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor – and Natalie can't view it because of internet problems
 - iv. Held over again until next month

VIII. Appeal

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A. CRB2021-0158: appealed

- Mel Currie, Southwestern – reviewed the case and still vote Not Sustained
- George Buntin, Western – looked over the case again, nothing that warranted a change in his decision. But has a question about procedures around searching a home when it is alleged to contain a firearm, whether it is left up to the officer to subjectively decide what to do or is there is a BPD policy? It is concerning that the person who allegedly had the gun was a police officer, but not enough evidence to sustain; keep vote as Not Sustained
- Sergeant Lloyd, BPD – if there is an allegation of a firearm, the officer has to investigate, especially if it might be a loaded weapon; if you go into the house and it's in plain view, the officer can confiscate the weapon; if it's not in plain view, the officer might do an area canvass, knock on doors to get some evidence to substantiate the allegation, and if so, do additional investigation;
- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern - recused
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern - vote remains the same, Not Sustained
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern - might have been neglect of duty, but Not Sustained

IX. Public Comment

X. Old Business

- Baltimore City PAB legislation – update
 - Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor – legislation passed on 6/30/2022; application is open for the PAB and ACC; OECR is receiving applications and will then forward them to the mayor and the relevant city councilperson; nothing that she can see that can bar CRB members from applying for the PAB, the ACC might be a little different

XI. New Business

- Updated CRB bylaws
- Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor – OECR updated the bylaws to add sections about how complainants can participate, and also made some additional changes and suggestions, but just suggestions; no indication that the ACC will have the authority to do independent investigations
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern – Mariel will create a google document on the drive that we can all edit; make any edits within 3 weeks and we will discuss at the next meeting.

XII. Adjournment