

C I V I L I A N R E V I E W B O A R D
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
October 15, 2018

Present at the meeting were Civilian Review Board members Mel Currie (Southwestern District), Betty Robinson (Northeastern), Fred Jackson (Northwestern District), Leslie Parker Blyther (Central District) and George Buntin (Western). Chair Bridal Pearson was present by phone. The meeting was called to order at 5:15.

Also present were:

CRB Supervisor, Jesmond Riggins
Deputy Director, Jill P. Carter

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Pearson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:15PM.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 28th, 2018

Mel Currie motioned to approve the minutes from September 28th, 2018 and adopt them as sealed. Leslie Parker Blyther seconded, and all were in favor. The following are the details from the last closed session:

Time of closed session: 12:08PM

Place: Office of Civil Rights, 7 E Redwood Street 9th Floor, Baltimore MD, 21202

Purpose(s): Discussion on potential litigation regarding violation of P.L.L. § 16-45-46

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Bridal Pearson, Mel Currie, Betty Robinson, Fred Jackson, Marcus Nole, George Buntin

Persons attending closed session: Bridal Pearson, Mel Currie, Betty Robinson, Fred Jackson, Marcus Nole, George Buntin

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session (see chart above): § 3-305(b) (8)

Topics actually discussed: The violation of Sections 16-45 and 46 of the Public Local Law by a certain law enforcement unit, and potential legal remedies.

Each action Taken: The Board voted to send a letter to the City Solicitor advising their intention to seek independent counsel if the Solicitor fails to enforce the Board's subpoenas.

III. Community Engagement

Betty Robinson noted that a key issue with the new legislature would be the COTF report, and stated that the Board needed to have a strategy, even if they don't unify around single points. She noted that she wanted to Board members to advocate with City Council and legislators. Deputy Director Carter noted the importance of having presence on social media, and stated that the Board members should be active on

social media and share information throughout their network. Mel Currie agreed and asked that Board members investigate getting social media profiles. Deputy Director Carter stated that Special Assistant Muth will help Board members to set up their social media presence and noted that Board members would have more to tweet as they began gearing up for legislative session. George Buntin noted that at the last public court hearing that BPD's recommendation was a 20 minute training during roll call on community engagement, which he felt was ineffective. Mel Currie felt that it would be important for Board members to start being present at Monitor Community meetings and asking questions.

IV. Political Engagement

Betty Robinson noted that each Board member should take responsibility for setting up meetings with their City Council Members and Legislators and keep them engaged and informed on the CRB. Mel Currie asked that all Board members be acquainted with their City Council representative. Leslie Parker Blyther felt that there should be common bullet points including the reinstatement of Deputy Director Carter as director, the need for a Latino representative in Southeastern district and having Solicitor Davis respond to the Board's subpoenas. She noted that it would be important for Board members to reach out to City Councilmembers individually.

V. Vote to Close Meeting Per 3-305 (b) (8)

Mel Currie motioned to close the meeting per 3-305 (b) (8). Leslie Parker Blyther seconded, and all were in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Muth