

AGENDA
Baltimore City Civilian Review Board
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2021
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
- Amy Cruice, ACLU
- Dana Moore, Director Office of Equity and Civil Rights
- Mariel Shutinya – CRB Supervisor
- Caylin Young – OECR, Deputy Director
- Jill Muth, CRB Investigator
- Tiffany Jones, CRB Investigator
- Sergeant Lloyd - PIB

II. Review and approval of agenda

III. Review and approval of minutes

IV. Director's Report

V. New Complaints:

- A. **CRB2021-0157:** Complaint filed 9/16/2021 against BPD officers. On 8/16/2021, the Complainant was at the Criminal Injury Compensation Board office he encountered the same officers the Complainant filed a previous CRB complaint against.
- All board: voted CRB investigation
- B. **CRB2021-0158:** Complainant filed 9/25/2021 against an indentified BPD officer. On 9/24/2021 the Complainant was awoken by loud music being blared at 1:15 AM. The Complainant went over to the house and asked them to turn down the music. One person responded to the Complainant by pulling a gun on him and another person identified themselves as a police officer and state that they would play the music as loud as they wanted. The Complainant called the police, but the Complainant doesn't think that his case was taken seriously and was not investigated. The Complainant states that officers laughed at him.
- All board: voted CRB investigation
- C. **2021- 0170** – All board: voted CRB investigation
- D. **2021-0171** – All board: voted CRB investigation

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- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - would like info about each investigators case load so the board can have that info when making decisions
- Mariel Shutinya – We will work on that.

VI. Completed Cases:

- A. **CRB2019-0035/CIU18-01265:** Complaint filed 1/11/2019 against an indetified BPD officer for Harassment. The Complainant alleges that the subject officer made two false police reports against the Complainant on 5/14 and 5/25/2018 for trespassing. The subject officer contacted the Harford County Sheriff's Department to ask for assistance in removing the Complainant from the subject officer's property. This case is expired.
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - We need to prioritize not having expired cases
 - Mariel Shutinya: OECR is aware and it is our top priority
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern District – Vote: Not sustained
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – Vote: Not sustained
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Vote: not sustained
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: abstain
- B. **CRB2020-0023/2020-0067:** Complainant filed 8/20/2020 against an identified BPD officer for Abusive Language. The Complainant alleged that after the death of her children's father, who died in a car accident, the subject officer and PIB involved in this matter engaged in the following: was rude and insensitive to the Complainant, hung up on her, tampered with evidence, withheld pertinent information, falsified police reports changed the cause of death, provided misleading legal advice, and provided no follow-up about the case. In the subject officer's interview, the officer stated that she hung up on the Complainant after she asked the Complainant to stop shouting. This case is expired.
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – Vote: Unfounded
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern District – Vote: Unfounded
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: Unfounded
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Vote: Unfounded
- C. **CRB2020-0032/2020-0068:** Complaint filed 9/17/2020 against an identified BPD officer for Abusive Language and Harassment. On 10/7/2019, the Complainant states that she was hit by a car. The Complainant called for an ambulance and the police, the ambulance arrived; however, the police took over an hour. The Complainant went home and waited for the police. The police came to the Complaint home and the first words out the female officer's mouth was, "Why am I here? According to the Complainant, the female officer was rude and condescending. After the officer asked a series of questions, the Complainant asked the officer why she was being so mean. The subject officer advised that the Complainant should seek medical attention if she was in pain, but the Complainant did not want to. The Complainant stated that after the officer left her home, she broke down in tears due to the abuse and called the District and spoke with a Sergeant. Body-worn camera footage was provided. This complaint is expired.

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- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District - BWC did not show any Abusive Language or Harassment; Vote: Not sustained
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District: Complainant said she wasn't really under control of herself: Vote: Not sustained
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – Vote: Not sustained; officer came to her home at 1:30 AM when the incident happened at 8:30 PM, is that normal? Also, when our investigator contacted the officer, the officer told us to contact the FOP, is that normal?
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - This case was before an agreement we made with PIB where we can submit questions to ask the subject officer.
- Sgt. Lloyd: no, no there is no limit or time frame to follow up on a call
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: Not sustained; some contradictory information

D. **CRB2020-0047/2020-1302:** Complaint filed 11/16/2020 against officers in the Western District for False Arrest and False Imprisonment. Complaint alleges that on 11/15/2020, the Complainant is engaged in an argument with his intimate partner, which escalated to the partner refusing to return the Complainant's car keys to him and locking him out of the house so the Complainant was unable to collect the rest of his belongings. The Complainant flagged down a police car for assistance. The partner is yelling at the Complainant with a baseball bat in hand. Officers tell the Complainant to sit on the curb across the street, which he does. More officers arrive to attempt to deescalate the situation, to no avail. A sergeant arrives who is able to go into the house to get the Complainant's car keys. The sergeant then arrests the Complainant because there was allegedly a witness in the house who said the Complainant was kicking the door and trying to break in. Because the Complainant doesn't live there, it was destruction of property. Complainant was charged with fourth degree burglary and malicious destruction of property. PIB provided BWC footage.

- Mel Currie, Southwestern District - Complainant admits that he kicked the door a little bit, but the door was damaged and couldn't be closed; seems that he did the actions he was accused of,
 - Vote: Not sustained for False Arrest and False Imprisonment
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - False Arrest is Not sustained (confirmed he destroyed the property) which makes FI also NS; CRB should track data of when a C calls the police for help but ends up getting arrested
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District - Vote: Not sustained
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: Not sustained

E. **CRB 2021-0013/2021-0225:** Complaint filed: 1/10/2021; Incident: 12/6/2020. The Complainant alleges that he saw someone across the street from his house trying to steal a car. The Complainant yelled at them and they shot at the Complainant, who then called the police. When the police arrived, they investigated the Complainant's own gun, which still smelled like gunpowder because he had recently been at the shooting range. The officers were not wearing masks. The Complainant asked them to leave, but they

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wouldn't. The officers told the Complainant that they thought he was lying about the incident. The Complainant willingly gave his gun to the officers. The Complainant would like his gun back.

- Mel Currie, Southwestern District - all the info in the report points more to the C shooting a shot, not the others shooting at the C; nothing that corroborates the C; NS
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - Vote: Not sustained; same reasons; officers did a good job investigating asked the neighbors, officers called SAO to see if they should arrest, which was no.
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - Glad the officers contacted the SAO because it saved a case that didn't need to happen.
 - Vote: Not sustained
 - Amy Cruice: We should have an admin meeting about how race fits into the CRB functions
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District - Vote: Not sustained

F. **CRB2021-0102:** Complaint filed 6/7/2021 against an identified BPD officer for Harassment. On 3/19/2021, the Complainant's facility was treating the Victim. The Complainant grew concerned about the Victim's wellbeing and asked for an ambulance to take the Victim to the hospital to get medical attention. No officers were requested, but four officers arrived before the ambulance. The subject officer asked several questions about the Victim and spoke to the Victim in an aggressive manner and told the Victim that he had to go to the hospital or the subject officer would arrest him. The Complainant's colleague told the subject officer that they were just waiting for the ambulance and didn't want the situation to be escalated any further. The subject officer asked, "why did you call the police if you don't want them to do their job?" After the ambulance came, staff asked the police to leave, but the subject officer did not leave right away. The Complainant is concerned that officers entered a recovery facility without any police business and was disruptive to the facility. BWC footage was provided. PIB's investigation is complete.

- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - This is a medical facility, the officer's conduct was unacceptable and unsafe; the sub officer had a leadership role; sustained Abusive Language and Harassment
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - No police were called, the response to mental health and a danger to themselves and substance abuse officers have to be better trained.
 - Vote: Sustain Abusive Language and Harassment
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – agreed.
 - Vote: sustained for Abusive Language and Harassment
- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Vote: Sustained Abusive Language and Harassment

- Holding the discipline over to next meeting

G. **CRB2021-0105:** Complaint filed 6/5/2021 against officers of the Baltimore City Police Department. Complaint alleges that he was driving a vehicle in the opposite direction as a Baltimore City Police vehicle. The BPD vehicle turned around to follow him. BPD

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signaled for the Complainant to pull his vehicle over. BPD said he was pulled over for his window tints, but then he was asked to get out of the car and the car was searched without his permission, nothing was found. The Complainant has previously filed complaints against the same officers.

- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – Officer was trying to get a rise out of the C, mocking C, teasing C, inappropriate.
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District - Officer piled on something the Complainant said about race and escalated it, which the officer it was directed towards did not take the bait, another officer took the bait and escalated it using inappropriate language.
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District -
 - Ofc. T: sustained for Harassment and Abusive Language; not sustained for False Imprisonment and other allegations
 - Ofc. P: Novak and Hawkes sustain for Abusive Language, but not a quorum, vote: not sustained
 - Ofc. W: same as ofc. T
 - Ofc M: all not sustained
 - Ofc. C: all not sustained

Discipline:

- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - 5 days of suspension, medium letter
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – same votes
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District – same votes
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – same votes

H. **CRB2019-0067:** Complaint file 2/25/2019 against several unidentified BPD officers for Harassment. The Complainant alleges that BPD officers have been following her and driving past her home activating their sirens. The harassment has been going on for 10 months. PIB report only.

- Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District – Vote: Unfounded
- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - a Crisis Response Team email says someone responded to the C and noted mental health concerns what does this mean, who is Crisis Response Team?
- Amy Cruice: it might be a unit within the BPD.
- Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District - Complainant can't pinpoint which officers.
 - Vote: Unfounded
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District – Vote: unfounded

I. **CRB2021-0002:** Filed January 25, 2021, against a named officer. The complaint alleges that on December 3, 2020, he was pulled over by a BPD officer. The officer copied the Complainant's information from his driver's license and let him go. On December 17, 2020, the subject officer stopped the Complainant again. Later that day, the Complainant was talking with a friend when he noticed police cars pull up around him. The Complainant kept talking, and then noticed the same officer approach him. The

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officer asked his name, and when the Complainant responded, the officer said there was a warrant for the Complainant's arrest. The Complainant asked to see the warrant, but the officer didn't have it. At Central Booking, the officer had the warrant and the Complainant asked him to read it to him because he was in handcuffs. The Complainant alleges that misconduct occurred in the reading of the warrant and the officer's behavior afterwards. It seems like the officer read the warrant and then asked the Complainant a seemingly unrelated question about the day he was pulled over. The Complainant answered the question and is alleging that the officer should not have asked the question. PIB investigation only.

- Mel Currie, Southwestern District - Complainant said he was standing outside of the store and the owner pushed him out of the store, but how could he be pushed out of the store if he wasn't inside; so seems like there is contradictory info. exonerated
 - Tiera Hawkes, Chair, Northeastern District – Vote: Exonerated
 - Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - Vote: Abstained
 - Natalie Novak, Secretary, Northern District - Vote: Exonerated
- J. **CRB2020-0017/PIB2020-0485:** Complaint filed 5/215/2020 against one identified officer of the Baltimore Police Department for False Arrest and False Imprisonment. The complaint alleges that on 2/25/2020 she was arrested based on a Child Protective Services complaint. The Complainant was interviewed by CPS based on statements that her child made at school on 2/17/2020. The Complainant did not response to the Investigator's attempts to schedule an interview with her. Thereafter, the Complainant sent an email to the Investigator indicating that she no longer wished to pursue the complaint. On 7/22/2020, the Investigator spoke with the Complainant over the phone and explained the investigation process and the Complaint's choices; the Complaint stated that she wished to withdraw her complaint.

All board vote: administratively close

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

- Following up with DC Nadeau about a meeting about a case from April meeting – status – Hawkes has to give him a date, but CRB is working on the legislative stuff, so we need to find a time that works; DC Nadeau is open and says just send him dates and we'll get it done after the legislative stuff
- 2020 legislation impacting the CRB – update

IX. New Business

- Tyler Salley, Southeastern District - update on Local Control Advisory Board meeting; data, Chicago has a thorough police data accessibly: <https://cpdp.co/>

X. Adjournment