

Civilian Review and Accountability Board
Meeting Summary
Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Members Present: Kellie Watson, Chair; Turney Berry, Vice-Chair; Scott Dickens; Barbara Haigler; Marianna Michael; Guillermo Sollano; Antonio Taylor; and Jennifer Green.

Staff: Edward Harness; Ambra Hunter; Kattie Snow; Stella Dorsey; Tracy Carter; Erin Spalding.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Kellie Watson, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Vice-Chair Berry made a motion to approve the August Agenda. Antonio Taylor seconded the motion.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from July 27,

Scott Dickens made a motion to accept the July 27th, 2022 minutes, Antonio Taylor seconded the motion.

IV. Public Comment

- a. **none**

V. Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Board Workshop (Chair Watson)

Planned for September 24th in the morning, probably 8-11:30. Will be at the conference room at the City Hall annex in the OIG office (Rm 30). Chair Watson will send out a calendar invite.

- b. Hillard Heintze Report (Chair Watson)

Chair Watson introduced the sections for today's meeting, 6-39 executive summary/ 2.1 Use of Force, De-escalation. For September 40-60 2.2 Search and Arrest Warrants, Crowd Control, and complaints against officers.

Chair Watson opened the floor for discussion. Green was concerned about discrimination in traffic stops. Chair Watson noted that LMPD Officers desire for culture changed seemed to be equal and aligned to the community's interest. Sollano was also concerned about racial discrimination and that it isn't limited to the police department but is a city and community issue. Taylor stated that what is most important to him is to see what has been done since the report was issue and would appreciate a report from Chief Shields in person. Sollano and Michael shared those concerns and said that the dashboard was too vague. Chair Watson wants a better rubric for the progress they are making. Vice-Chair Berry was concerned with starting with actionable items like encouraging the Chief to be more accessible. Hunter was concerned with the difference between appropriate use of force versus de-escalation. Chair Watson was concerned about that and the reactive policy revisions and the sheer number of changes that make it hard for officers to keep up with. Referred to the list of recommendation involving the path forward. Need input of community and LMPD, from the bottom as much as chain of command. Wants to know how much cocreation had come from the report. Chair Watson drew attention to the demographics in the report for the traffic violations. Green was concerned with the disproportion of non-whites pulled over in predominately white areas. Chair Watson highlighted that traffic stops are officer initiated as opposed to calls for service. Also highlighted that this data is from 2018-2019 and wants to know what the numbers are now. Berry wants an explanation of why the disproportionate policing of non-whites. Taylor wants age demographics included in statistical information.

Recommendations page 22. Concern about missing categories, such as age. Chair Watson agreed with the recommendations, no one dissented. Chair Watson was also concerned about Escalation, there was no dissent. Page 37 Use of force. Taylor and Watson noted that it has changed since the report. Berry said a lot of the recommendations made sense. Said that establishing an outdoor range didn't seem a germane recommendation. Watson and Michael were concerned that the training was insufficient regarding the number of certifiers and the lack of real world training vs the simulation. Sollano wants to know how training is tracked. Berry wants to know more about how LMPD compares to other departments. Sollano wants to know if there is a way to network with other cities that have implemented these changes.

VI. OIG Investigations

- a. **02-IG-2022** – 10-25-19, 3rd party complaint re: excessive use of force. Recommends full investigation. Chair Watson took a moment to review the complaints that the office is charged with investigating. Taylor asked for more details. IG Harness said it was a matter of using excessive force during an arrest. Chair asked for a motion. Michael and Barbara made motion for full investigation, unanimous consent.
- b. **10-IG-2022** – 03.3.22 3rd party complaint. Death from self-inflicted gunshot wound in custody resulting from pursuit. Berry asked for clarification. IG Harness said that once a pursuit is commenced that it counts as in custody as the suspect is not allowed to leave. Taylor wanted to know if anyone else was in the vehicle. IG said no, recommended further investigation. Berry motioned. Taylor seconded. Unanimously accepted.

VII. Other Business

- a. Taylor wanted to highlight the death of protestor Chris Wells and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of his service. Highlighted his leadership skills.

VIII. Adjournment

Members agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting and were reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for September 28th, 2022 at 3:00 in person in Rm 106 of the Mayor's Office.