

**Civilian Review and Accountability Board**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**Wednesday, October 26th, 2022**

**Members Present:** Kellie Watson, Chair; Turner Berry, Vice Chair; Guillermo Sollano; Antonio Taylor; Jennifer Green; Marianna Michaels; and Barbara Haigler.

**Staff:** Edward Harness; Ambra Hunter; Kattie Snow; Erin Spalding; Stella Dorsey; Dr. Thomas Whetstone; and Tracy Carter.

**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 September Agenda. Barbara Haigler seconded the motion.

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

Barbara Haigler made a motion to accept the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes, Marianna Michael seconded the motion.

**IV. Public Comment**

a. None

**V. Discussion and Possible Action**

- a. Hillard Heintze Report (Chair Watson)
  - a. Chair Watson opened the floor to the board members for comment regarding section 2.2 Search & Arrest Warrants and Crowd Control. Marianna Michael wanted to know if the recommendations on warrants, especially 'No Knock' warrants, had been implemented. Chair Watson is concerned that the sheer number of S.O.P.'s impedes officers' ability to stay current on policies. Vice Chair Berry said he'd heard a lot of community concern about serving warrants at night due to safety concerns. Jennifer Green wanted to know if the CIT recommendations had been implemented. Guillermo Sollano wants to know more in depth what recommendations have been implemented and how. At the next meeting, section 2.4 Complaints Against LMPD Personnel will be reviewed. Marianna Michael was concerned about who is in charge

(LMPD, the Mayor's Office, etc.) of protest response since there was a lack of structure during the 2020 protests.

## VI. OIG Investigations

- a. **07-IG-2022** – Date of Incident, 10/08/2019. Received in office, 7/25/2022. Involved service of search warrant. 4 people arrested for 4 days, one person for up to a year. Ultimately all charges were dropped. Some of the evidence was lost. IG Harness recommended a formal investigation as it satisfies the requirements of ordinance. Jennifer Green wanted to know what was at issue, IG Harness said enough information developed to investigate the validity of the warrants. Antonio Taylor wanted to know about the evidence that was lost, IG Harness said we hoped to uncover more information during the full investigation. Board unanimously agreed that a full investigation take place.
- b. **13-IG-2022** – Date of Incident, 1/25/2019. Received in office, 8/21/2022. Involved a traffic stop that resulted in use of force. IG Harness recommended a formal investigation as it satisfies the requirements of ordinance regarding use of force and discrimination. Board unanimously agreed that a full investigation take place.
- c. **14-IG-2022** – Date of Incident, 2017-Present. Received in office, 8/24/2022. Involves retaliation for PIU/PSU investigation into domestic violence involving an LMPD officer. IG Harness recommended a formal investigation as it satisfies the requirements of ordinance regarding abuse of authority and discrimination. Board unanimously agreed that a full investigation take place.
- d. **15-IG-2022** – Date of Incident, 9/20/2022. Received in office, 9/22/2022. Complainant alleges LMPD didn't investigate allegations of abuse. During the preliminary investigation, the complaints were not found to be credible. IG Harness recommended no further investigation as it doesn't satisfy requirements of ordinance. Board unanimously agreed that no further investigation take place.
- e. **16-IG-2022** – Date of Incident, 12/16/2020. Received in office, 9/30/2022. Complainant alleges LMPD would not investigate the homicide of complainant's son. IG Harness recommended a formal investigation as it satisfies the requirements of ordinance regarding discrimination. Vice Chair Berry wanted more information, IG Harness said there was a lack of follow-up and that the family has presented with evidence that the police has not acted on evidence regarding the suspected killer. Board unanimously agreed that a full investigation take place.

- f. **17-IG-2022** – Date of Incident, 10/18/2022. Received in office, 10/20/2022. Involves traffic stop and possible retaliation for citizens request of officer’s information and statement they would be filing a complaint. Jennifer Green wants to know the nature of the retaliation, IG Harness said it started as a warning but escalated to a citation being issued. IG Harness recommended a formal investigation as it satisfies the requirements of ordinance regarding abuse of authority. Board unanimously agreed that a full investigation take place.

## **VII. Other Business**

Changing date for next meeting to the 30<sup>th</sup> considering the holiday. Guillermo Sollano spoke about the importance of the Civilian Review & Accountability Board and the Office of Inspector General’s work for the community.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Members agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting and were reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 3:00 in-person in Rm 106 of the Mayor’s Office.