

Civilian Review and Accountability Board
Meeting Summary
Wednesday, December 28th, 2022

Members Present: Kellie Watson, Chair; Guillermo Sollano; Jennifer Green; Barbara Haigler; Stachelle Bussey; and Scott Dickens.

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

I. Welcome and Call to Order

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

Scott Dickens made a motion to approve the November Agenda. Stachelle Bussey seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 30th, 2002

Barbara Haigler made a motion to accept the November 30th, 2022 minutes, Guillermo Sollano seconded the motion.

IV. Public Comment

- a. None

V. Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Hillard Heintze Report - Chair Watson opened the floor for a review of sections covered. Section 1 Chair Watson would like to see a class and compensation study for LMPD. Guillermo Sollano is most concerned with retention. Section 2 Chair Watson would like to see more review of training and adherence. Search warrants, public accountability, crowd control, and post review of warrants. Last section, complaints against the police.
- b. Ordinance Amendments (Chair Watson, IG Harness)
Chair Watson opened the floor for IG Harness. Went to full council on first of December and forwarded to Government Oversight and Audit committee, where it was tabled. Hopes newly seated council session will revisit the issue. Chair Watson highlighted the importance of having the boards comments on the ordinance on record for when the ordinance is considered by the legislature. Comment from Councilmember McCraney via chat, "Hello Board members. I will

continue to ask that the ordinance be held until I am comfortable knowing that all of you have weighed in and are okay with all amendments.” Member Barbara Haigler suggested a timeline for submitting comments and suggested January 15th. Chair Watson asked if everyone concurred, all members did.

Councilmember McCraney said “Thank you. Please understand that piecemilling amendments will not be accepted. We need to make sure of what we want the ordinance to say in order for you to be able to do your work. I'm here to support you, but don't want to hold you up by thinking you may have further amendments down the road.”

c. **Comparable Police Dept. Study (Dr. Whetstone)**

The whitepaper of the presentation is available online at

<https://louisvilleky.gov/office-inspector-general/document/selecting-comparisonbenchmark-organization>. Chair Watson opened the floor for Dr.

Whetstone to present his data comparison of LMPD vs. similar departments.

Comparison is demographically similar while benchmark is aspirational is best practices, what we want to be. Our start is comparing police departments, population, amount of sworn personnel. Member Green thanked Dr. Whetstone for his analysis.

VI. OIG Investigations

- a. **18-IG-2022** – Date of Incident, 10/27/2014. Received in office, 10/25/2022. Involved LMPD Sergeants who falsified reports that led to complaintant’s arrest. IG Harness recommended a formal investigation as it satisfies the requirements of the ordinance, ss 36. Abuse of authority. Board unanimously agreed that a full investigation take place.

VII. Other Business

- a. **None**

VIII. Adjournment

Members agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting and were reminded that it is scheduled for January 24th, 2022, at 3:00 and will be held in Room 106 of the Mayor’s Office.