

**Civilian Review and Accountability Board**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

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

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

**I. Welcome and call to order**

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

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

Member Michael made a motion to approve the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Agenda with a correction to Member Sollano's last name. Member Haigler seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes from July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Member Dickens made a motion to accept, Member Sollano seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Discussion and Possible Action:**

**a. LMPD OIS Procedures (IG Harness)**

Thursday, Chief Gwinn-Villaroel held a press conference to announce updates to the procedures surrounding officer involved shootings. 4 Major announcements; strive for 10 business days to release bodycam footage, a new performance review board to investigate these events and produce an after-action report, that PIU will investigate officer involved shootings instead of Kentucky State Police, and upon completion, the department will release their findings to the Commonwealth Attorney for charging decisions and to the OIG for review.

**b. CPC Recommendation from July Meeting**

A CPC attendee requested some of LMPD's vacant position money to fund community policing events. Member Sollano asked if LMPD had uses for those funds already. Chair Watson would like to recommend the funds stay within the force to improve things like training. Member Michael wants a more detailed proposal before asking metro council to invest in an unknown group. IG Harness clarified that we should return it to the CPC and ask for more concrete details such as what organizations in the community would receive the funds, etc. Member Dickens questioned if requests for funding falls within the purview of our board. Chair Watson said she thought that it was a bit simpler and that we are merely making a recommendation on behalf of the CPC. Chair Watson asked for a motion to request the recommendation be sent back to the CPC for more details

before presenting it to Metro Council. Member Michael made a motion, Vice-Chair Berry seconded. The motion was unanimously passed by the board.

#### **VI. Investigation Recommendations**

- a. **34-IG-2023** – Date of incident is 3/6/23. Received in office 5/16/23. Complainant alleges that LMPD failed to present his case to the Commonwealth Attorney. Initial review showed it has been sent to the Commonwealth Attorney. IG Harness recommended that a full investigation not take place as it was not substantiated during the initial review. Board unanimously agreed that an investigation not take place.
- b. **35-IG-2023** – Date of incident is 4/10/17. Received in office 5/18/23. Complainant alleges that LMPD improperly searched her vehicle, leading to her arrest and the seizure of the vehicle that resulted in its sale. IG Harness recommended that a full investigation not take place as the issue had been adjudicated by the courts and it was found the stop, subsequent impoundment, and sale of the vehicle was valid. Board unanimously agreed that an investigation not take place.
- c. **41-IG-2023** – Date of incident is 6/23/23. Received in office 7/19/23. Complainant alleges that LMPD has not followed up properly with the complainant regarding the murder of her minor son. Upon initial review, a suspect has been identified and LMPD has been in contact with the family as recently as this month. IG Harness recommended that a full investigation not take place as it was not substantiated during initial review. Board unanimously agreed that an investigation not take place.

#### **VII. Investigation Findings**

- a. **22-IG-2022** – Date of incident, 12/11/2022. Authorized by board 10/26/2023 under discrimination. Findings was there was a concurrent PSU investigation into the matter which concluded that training was recommended. We are closing by exception as the recommended counseling has taken place. Chair Watson asked for motion to accept findings as written. Board unanimously accepted findings as written.

#### **VIII. Other Business:**

- a. **Community Policing Council Update** – There have been 2 additional meetings with varying levels of attendance. There has been media coverage at every meeting and attendance by a metro council member. We have two more next month.

#### **IX. Adjournment- *Next Regularly scheduled Civilian Review & Accountability Board meeting will be held in person at the Mayor's Office in Room 103 on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.***