

**Civilian Review and Accountability Board
Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

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

Guests and Staff: Edward Harness, Kattie Snow, Erin Spalding, 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

Turney Berry made a motion to approve the May Agenda with flexibility. Barbara Haigler seconded the motion.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 23rd, 2022, and the meeting note for April 27th, 2022

Turney Berry noted corrections to the March 23rd, 2022, minutes.

Charles Keyes made a motion to accept the March 23rd, 2022, minutes with corrections and the meeting notes from the April 27th, 2022, meeting.

Denise Sears seconded the motion.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action

a. Vice Chair elections

Turney Berry accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

Charles Keyes made a motion to accept Turney Berry's nomination for Vice Chair.

Barbara Haigler seconded the motion.

b. Update OIG staffing Training (IG Harness)

Ed Harness reported that office staff had been hired, with the exception of the Analyst position. Staff is fully trained in accordance with the ordinance. Staff has completed the required 40 hours of ride along and the Internal Affairs 40 hour accreditation course.

The Board discussed the OIG staff duties outlined in the oversight ordinance, access to needed information, staff badges, and the distribution of work.

Ed Harness informed the Board that the OIG staff has a staff meeting scheduled to discuss work distribution and outline a process for taking and investigating complaints. He explained that the complaint process is a two-tier process; initial complaints that are received by the OIG and the complaints that the Board authorizes an investigation for.

c. VICE News Report and the Dee Garrett incident and investigation

Board Member, Stachelle Bussey, introduced the topic of the VICE News Reports that were released on May 19, 2022, and May 20, 2022, and the incident/investigation related to Dee Garrett.

The Board discussed issues with LMPD policies and procedures and agreed to issue a press release and invite LMPD Police Chief Erica Shields to the August Board meeting.

Jennifer Green made a motion to draft/issue a press release stating that the Board is committed to reviewing LMPD policies and procedures.

Anthony Taylor seconded the motion.

Charles Keyes made a motion to invite the Chief to the August 2022 Board meeting.

Turney Berry seconded the motion.

d. Budget Update

Ed Harness updated the board on having attended the May 16th budget meeting with Metro Council. The OIG should receive just over 1 million in agency budget, \$800,000 – personnel cost, \$239,000 appropriated to fund operational expenses. The personnel cost does include the Analyst position. In budget questionnaire – percentage of Mayoral budget, as LMPD expands, OIG should have a larger budget, leftover money should not go back, should stay with OIG for special occurrences/incidents.

e. Board Workshop

Chair Watson is working on a date for the Board Workshop and is waiting to hear back about more available dates. The Workshop could be held in July.

V. Other Business

N/A

VI. Adjournment

Members agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting and were reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for June 22nd at 3:00 in Metro Hall Rm 106.