

Civilian Review and Accountability Board

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Members Present: Kellie Watson, Chair; Turney Berry, Vice-Chair; Scott Dickens; Barbara Haigler; Marriana Michaels; Denise Sears; Guillermo Sollano; and Antonio Taylor

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

I. Welcome and call to order

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

Member Sears made a motion to approve the December 27th Agenda. Member Taylor seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 29th, 2023

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

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Discussion and Possible Action:

a. Board priorities for IG Examination of LMPD policy, trends, or policing in general (IG Harness)

Chair Watson opened the floor. Member Taylor emphasized his desire to see more community engagement as it relates to the board being more visibly involved. He recognized IG Harness efforts but said he wanted to see the board, including himself, show up more. Member Sears stated there were at least three complaints that related to training issues with the police and wanted to know what the OIG could do to work with the police department to address that. Member Michael wanted to look at retooling the requirements to becoming officers and to look at other departments for comparison to improve diversity and recruitment. Member Sollano seconded Member Taylor and said he wanted to commit to attending more events and asked about the upcoming community engagements the OIG planned on hosting or attending. IG Harness said that he would like to plan the January meeting in the community somewhere. Member Taylor recommended the Main Louisville Free Public Library. Chair Watson listed several places like the YMCA or the Urban League. Chair Watson asked if there were any other issues the board would like to focus on, there were none, so Chair Watson encouraged everyone to review the complaint reports for trends and insights.

b. CR&AB 3rd Qtr. Report to Metro Council (IG Harness)

Chair Watson introduced the report, Member Dickens said the report only showed completed investigations but contained no data about investigations that we did not proceed with a full investigation. IG Harness said it could be amended to include that information, it had not been included to be clear and concise. Member Sears asked the

percentage of complaints that were investigated, IG Harness estimated it to be 30%. Members Sears asked a follow up question if subpoena power would have had an impact on our investigations. IG Harness said it could have made a difference in several cases and would be asking Mayor Greenberg to make it a legislative priority.

VI. Other Business:

a. NACOLE Report

IG Harness said that the panel with the family who's mentally ill child was killed by police despite education and engagement was important to him. Preemption had also been an important topic. Administrative Coordinator Hunter spoke about her experience networking with more experienced peers and the impact of meeting with victim's advocacy groups had. IG Harness encouraged board members to attend in the future. The year after next should be in Minneapolis or St. Louis.

VII. Adjournment- *Next Regularly scheduled Civilian Review & Accountability Board meeting will be held on January 24th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. location TBD.*