

## **Civilian Review and Accountability Board**

### **Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Members Present:** Kellie Watson, Chair; Turney Berry, Vice-Chair; Barbara Haigler; Jennifer Green; Marianna Michael; Guillermo Sollano; Stachelle Bussey, Denise Sears.

**Staff:** Edward Harness; Ambra Hunter; Erin Spalding; Stella Dorsey; 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 October 25<sup>th</sup> Agenda. Member Green seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Discussion and Possible Action:**

**a. CR&AB 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Report to Metro Council**

IG Harness introduced the report highlighting actions from April – June. There is a small typo, but otherwise recommends acceptance as is. Member Haigler made a motion to accept, Member Michael seconded. Unanimously passed.

**b. Presentation: LMPD – Use of Force Reporting (Dr. Whetstone)**

This presentation is available as a whitepaper online at <https://louisvilleky.gov/office-inspector-general/document/use-force-policy-analysis>

Member Sollano thanked Dr. Whetstone for his efforts and asked what LMPD was doing great. Dr. Whetstone replied that the majority of the members of the department are doing excellent work going above and beyond despite the challenges they face. Chair Watson asked if there was a reason that LMPD did not include takedowns in their reportable uses of force. Dr. Whetstone replied that he wanted to believe it was an oversight. Chair Watson suggested the board take a month to look over the report and vote on the recommendations at the next meeting.

**c. LMPD SOP 1.14 – Accountability and Improvement Bureau (IG Harness & Dr. Whetstone)**

Had meeting with Deputy Chief Humphry and Lt. McKinnley. Command staff is trying to get in front of the DOJ and consent decree. They have hired 2 staff to get into compliance. Performance review board discussing process to review OIG report on OIS to create a process of feedback between the OIG and LMPD.

## **VI. Investigation Recommendations**

- a. **47-IG-2023** – Date of incident is 8/9/2022. Received in office 8/9/23. Complainant alleges that LMPD tampered with physical evidence of the complainant’s physical altercation with a female. When LMPD arrived, both parties involved had left the scene, the female involved returned and spoke with LMPD who arrested the complainant. The case is scheduled for June 2024. IG Harness recommended that a full investigation not take place due to a lack of evidence to support the complaint. Board unanimously agreed that an investigation not take place.
- b. **51-IG-2023** – Date unknown. Received in office 9/5/23. No LMPD officers are named in the complaint but alleges Bardstown police have been following him for years. IG Harness recommended that a full investigation not take place as LMPD was not involved. Board unanimously agreed that an investigation not take place.
- c. **54-IG-2023** – Date 3/29/23. Complainant alleges that the victim’s advocate they were assigned after a domestic assault compelled them to file an EPO against their will. IG Harness recommended that a full investigation not take place as it does not meet one of our 6 requirements. Board unanimously agreed that an investigation not take place.
- d. **57-IG-2023** – Date of incident is 11/14/2015. Received in office 8/7/23. 3<sup>rd</sup> party complaint. Complainant alleges that LMPD working alongside other law enforcement agencies made a false arrest. The complainant is appealing their case in court but the courts have already found the arrest was valid. IG Harness recommended that a full investigation not take place as the time lapsed would preclude access to the appropriate evidence. Board unanimously agreed that an investigation not take place.

## **VII. Investigation Findings**

- a. **14-IG-2022** – Date of incident, 12/11/2022. Authorized by board 10/26/2023 under discrimination. Domestic violence in homosexual relationship. Complainant came forward alleging there was bias based on the status of their relationship. The IG investigator did a thorough investigation of both the PIU and PSU investigations. No evidence of bias was found nor is there an individual officer to target for investigation. Chair Watson asked for motion to accept findings as written. Board unanimously accepted findings as written.

## **VIII. Other Business:**

- a. **Update - Member Keyes** – Oversight and Audit committee considered and unanimously passed and sent to the full Metro Council the recommendation for Member Keyes’s removal; it on the agenda tomorrow. Member Sears wanted to clarify that Member Keyes appointment was through the Mayor’s Office or if it was an organizational appointee but that she thought he was a Metro Council appointee. IG Harness confirmed that he was appointed by Metro Council and they are considering replacements.
- b. **November meeting date** - Standard meeting date and time would be the Wednesday before thanksgiving so he suggests changing the date to the next Wednesday to November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **IX. Adjournment- *Next Regularly scheduled Civilian Review & Accountability***

***Board meeting will be held in person at the Mayor's Office in Room 106  
on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.***