

AGENDA
Baltimore City Civilian Review Board
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2023
Place: Enabled by Zoom
6:00-8:00 pm

I. Welcome & call to order

- Natalie Novak, Northern District, Chair
- Mel Currie, Southwestern District
- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern District
- Sgt. Angel Batey, Public Integrity Bureau, BPD
- Mariel Shutinya, Chief of Police Accountability Division, OECR
- Meg Mishou, Special Assistant to Police Accountability Division, OECR
- Lisa Kelly, Chief of Investigations, OECR

II. Review and approval of agenda

- Approved

III. Review and approval of minutes

- No minutes to approve

IV. Director's Report

- Mariel Shutinya, CRB Supervisor OECR – 21 meetings with the community; 8 completed investigation; 8 cases closed with recommendations, 2 had sustained allegations; 16 CRB intakes; 67 notifications from PIB; none were converted to CRB; 5 new complaints; 4 investigations authorized; 1 IAD only
- Mariel Shutinya and Amy Cruice from the ACLU went to For Kathy's Sake luncheon and served on the panel discussing CRB and Police Accountability Board.
- The Police Accountability Division will have a day of events for Civil Rights Week, stay tuned for more details
- Advertisements for new Board members to be posted soon.
- New Positions are being added to PAB that will be able to provide support for the CRB as well.
- ACC members are being sworn in on 5/30/23.

V. New Complaints:

- **CRB2023-0051:** Filed 4/20/2023 against an identified Baltimore City Sheriff's Department officer for harassment.
 - Voting:
 - Natalie Novak, Northern, Chair: CRB – lengthy complaint with concerning allegations
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern: CRB
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern: CRB

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- **CRB2023-0067:** Filed 5/16/2023 against an identified Baltimore City Police Officer for harassment and abusive language.
 - Voting:
 - Natalie Novak, Northern, Chair: CRB – needs more information, pieces don't fit together
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern: CRB
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern: CRB – details are confusing, there may be some abusive language and harassment

VI. Completed Cases:

- A. **CRB2022-0180:** Filed on February 8, 2023, against an identified BPD officer for harassment.

- Voting:
 - Natalie Novak, Northern, Chair: NS – Texts are harassing and scary, but after a lot of work, investigators weren't able to determine where they were coming from.
 - Levi Zaslow, Northwestern: NS - Text messages coming from several different numbers. We can't conclude by preponderance of the evidence that they are from this officer. Person should file a criminal complaint for harassment and stalking.
 - Mel Currie, Southwestern: NS - There's a long list of text messages, but can't be clear on who the sender was. Could be anybody. Doesn't meet preponderance of evidence standard.
 - NOT SUSTAINED

- B. **CRB2022-0146:** FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION – allegations sustained at April meeting.

Filed on September 1, 2022 against identified BPD officers for False Imprisonment.

- Voting:
 - Natalie Novak, Northern, Chair:
 1. Medium Letter of Reprimand and 3-day loss of leave for officers with previous sustained complaints
 2. Medium Letter of Reprimand and 2-day loss of leave for officers without previous sustained complaints
 3. Only two officers previously had sustained complaints
 4. Officers handled the situation inappropriately; gave confusing directions to Complainant; kept cuffs on him for longer than necessary; clearly did not know what to do.

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- Levi Zaslow, Northwestern:
 1. Can't recommend any discipline, feel there's a need for departmental training; lead officer wasn't trained and had to call dispatch to find out what to do.
 2. Somewhat divided on this case, it was a close call
- Mel Currie, Southwestern:
 1. Lead Officer: Simple Letter of Reprimand; 2-day suspension
 2. Other 4 officers: Simple Letter of Reprimand; 1-day suspension
 3. Gun violence in Baltimore City isn't sufficient reason for the officer's actions; he did not give Complainant a chance to speak.

Officer Q: Simple Letter of Reprimand; 2-day suspension
Officer D: Simple Letter of Reprimand; 1-day suspension
Officer KE: Simple Letter of Reprimand; 1-day suspension
Officer K: Simple Letter of Reprimand; 2-day suspension
Officer G: Simple Letter of Reprimand; 2-day suspension

Letter should include information about need for training of the officers.

VIII. Public Comment

- No public comment

IX. Old Business

- No old business

X. New Business

- Advertisements will go out soon to recruit new Board members from all districts. Mel is serving in his sixth year.
- Redistricting is still in process, has not been implemented and this will impact Board membership.

XI. Adjournment