

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 4, 2023
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Common Council Chambers
Public Comment - 20 minutes at 6:30 PM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>
Pratt, Harry	X		Carter, Mae	X		Brunson, Cynthia	X	
Bey-Wright, Jah-Quan		X	Holmes, Hatisha		X	Favata, Joseph		X
Levy, Richard	X		Marrero, Jose		X	Nilsson, Lori		X
Lovejoy-Grinnell, Bryn		X						

On Thursday, May 4, 2023, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Richard Levy, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being held pursuant to notice and that a quorum was not present.

1. Board Action Items
 - a. Approval of the April 6, 2023, minutes deferred until a quorum is present.
2. Chairperson's Items
 - a. Ms. Releford recapped the CRB's budget hearing April 12, 2023, at 10:00am. She made the case to secure funding for: case management software, a policy analyst, community engagement specialist, investigator, and private security. It is standard practice that comparable review boards across the country receive 1% of the local police budget.
3. Administrator's Report
 - a. Activity Report: The CRB received one new case in April 2023 and has six cases to review at the next quorum.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Community Outreach and Public Education:
 - i. The CRB is developing new programs and is planning several upcoming events at the Boys and Girls Clubs.
 - ii. Board members are encouraged to find venues in their districts that would host CRB dialogues and informational sessions.
 - b. Government Relations: Corporation Counsel Sue Katzoff and the CRB's attorney, Ryan Suser, plan to attend the June 2023 public meeting.
 - c. Police Relations: Chief Accountability Officer Jawwad Rasheed introduced himself to the board. He has a background as an attorney and family court

judge, and has worked on police reform with the Buffalo, Rochester, and Utica Police Departments. He also has a history of working with local organizations in Syracuse for thirteen years, especially with 100 Black Men. He is working directly with the chief and deputy chief to implement the mayor's and governor's executive orders on police reform. He is committed to holding police accountable and building bridges with the community by creating safe spaces for difficult conversations. Finally, Mr. Rasheed expressed that while the problems seem insurmountable, there are examples of other cities changing their cultures surrounding gun violence and police reform. He suggested those cities could serve as models for engaging with Syracuse's distinct culture.

5. New Business
 - a. Community Organizations: None present.

6. Public Comment: None.

Without a quorum to make and adopt a motion, the Board ended its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Citizen Review Board