

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 11, 2020
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Video Conference Meeting
Public Comment - 20 minutes at 6:30 PM**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Carter, Mae	X		Nilsson, Lori	X				
Brunson, Cynthia	X		Natale, Dana	X				
Nelson, Mary		X	Ryan, Clifford	X				
Holmes, Hatisha	X		Grinnals, R. Daniels	X				
Kutz, Ruth	X							
McCarthy, Peter	X		Releford, Ranette	X				

On Thursday, June 11, 2020, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

Peter McCarthy, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being held pursuant to notice and that a quorum was present.

1. Board Action Items – Ms. Brunson notes that, for technical reasons, she logged off the May 7, 2020, virtual meeting. Ms. Nilsson moves to approve the May meeting minutes with that correction, Mr. Ryan seconds, all agree.
2. Chairperson’s Items:
 - a. Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Releford did interviews with WAER and other news outlets on Sunday.
 - b. We Can’t Breathe Rally was hosted by Pam Hunter with the Black Latino Caucus regarding New York State’s repeal of Article 50a.
 - i. The CRB attorney is working on how this will affect the CRB.
 - ii. Ms. Holmes is happy about the 50a repeal and glad so many people attended the Rally.
3. Administrator’s Report
 - a. The Board will be reviewing 5 cases this evening.
 - b. Three new cases have been received in May.
 - c. The office phone is ringing often with general questions.

- d. The new budget year starts July 1, 2020 and the CRB is not over-budget.
- e. NACOLE learning will be 32 webinars and will cost \$250.00 + \$11.22 fee. Ms. Natale moves to approve the expense, Ms. Brunson seconds and all agree.
- f. Daigle Law Group membership will cost \$650.00. Mr. Ryan moves to approve the expense, Ms. Brunson seconds and all agree.
- g. A Citizen at a protest asked to have the CRB complain form online.
 - Online Complaint Forms can be obtained by emailing CRB@syrgov.net.
 - Code for Syracuse is a group that would be interested in developing a mobile app to file complaint forms
 - Ms. Nilsson has another potential vendor that may be willing to develop online complaint forms.

4. Committees

a. Community Relations

- i. Ms. Releford notes that we need to get out with banner and pamphlets.
- ii. Westcott Cultural Festival may be canceled, but, if not, it would be good to pass out information if we don't have a table
- iii. Mr. Grinnals suggests radio and TV ads. Roberto is looking into these options.
- iv. Ms. Releford has done some Facebook live interviews.
- v. Ms. Brunson suggests going on "Bridge Street".

b. Board Development and Training

- i. Ms. Releford is looking into online training with Bob Stewart.
- ii. The City is planning on re-opening some offices on June 15, 2020.

c. Government Relations

- i. There was a meeting on June 1, 2020.
- ii. The Confidentiality Agreement will be "tweaked" by Corporation Counsel.

- iii. Our attorney suggest we may want to reconsider the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement with the repeal of 50(a).
- iv. On Tuesday, Ms. Nilsson will attend a webinar regarding Police Unions and she will share the information with us
- v. Mr. Ryan notes that we need to address time frames for the provision of information.
- vi. Our attorney, Ryan Suser, notes that the NYS Civil Service law requires police discipline within 18 months.
- vii. Our attorney also notes that the CRB and the City both agree that COVID has extended some guidelines.
- viii. Mr. McCarthy notes that regardless of the 18-month deadline, the CRB still needs to hear cases in order to count them in our statistics.

d. Police Liaison Committee

- i. We met with the new police liaison committee members.
- ii. We had a good dialogue and a meeting will be held next quarter.

5. New Business - none

6. Public Comment (6:30 PM)

- a. Kyle Walker from Syracuse Adult and Teen Challenge spoke about their licensed, faith-based 501c(3) facility for men who deal with life-controlling issues.
 - i. They have 1,200 centers across the Country.
 - ii. They often partner with local businesses.
 - iii. They have been in Syracuse for 45 years and can be reached at (315) 478-4139.
- b. A Citizen asks if all CRB decisions are available to the public. Ms. Releford answers that brief summaries and statistics are available in the Quarterly and Annual Reports and that these are eventually available on the CRB Website.

7. Mr. Ryan moves to move to Executive Session, Mr. Grinnals seconds. Meeting continued in Executive Session.

During the Executive Session, the Board voted on the following cases to determine whether to forward the case to a CRB hearing. Ms. Carter left before the voting:

Case Number 19-025:	HEARING
Case Number 19-028:	NO HEARING
Case Number 19-029:	NO HEARING
Case Number 19-034:	HEARING
Case Number 19-054:	NO HEARING

Ms. Holmes makes a motion to return to Public Session, Ms. Nilsson seconds, all agree. Meeting goes back into Public Session.

On motion duly made by Mr. Grinnals, seconded by Mr. Ryan and unanimously adopted, the Board adjourned its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Natale, 1st District Appointee