

**City of Syracuse  
Citizen Review Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 6, 2014  
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>
Adan, Haji A.		X	Milliken, Carol	X		<b>Common Councilor</b>		
Barber, William	X		Stuart-McIlvain, Sarah	X		Hunter, Pamela	X	
Horan, Carole J.		X	Timmons, Tafara Blake	X				
Levine, Louis	X		Turner, V. Diane	X				
Livingston, Mallory	X		Lipari, Joseph L.	X				
Masella, Joseph	X		Pearson, Betty L.	X				

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Mr. Masella, 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. On motion duly made by Ms. Milliken, seconded by Ms. McIlvain and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the October 2, 2014 Board meeting.
2. Board Action Items
  - a. Selection of medical consultant for document review contract – Mr. Lipari presented resumes and proposals from Scott F. LaPoint, MD of Scientific Consulting of Western New York, Inc. in Pittsford; Katherine Fiorentino Maloney, MD and Marianne Hamel, MD of Jersey Shore Forensics, Atlantic City, NJ. The Board considered contracting with one of these consultants to provide forensic pathology expertise for cases involving physical injuries due to police use of force. The Board reviewed the resumes and developed additional questions for the prospective contractors. The Board instructed the CRB Administrator to follow up with the contractors to acquire answers to the questions and report to the Board in December.
3. Chairman’s Items
  - a. Referrals to the District Attorney’s Office – As part of the proposed changes to the CRB ordinance, the Board has recommended to the Common Council that probable cause be the legal standard for referring a case to the DA’s office. The current legislation provides no legal standard for when a CRB panel should refer a case to the DA’s office. The DA’s office has indicated that they would prefer reasonable suspicion as the legal standard, a lower standard than probable cause.

- b. Disciplinary Recommendations – The chairman noted that there has been a recent increase in the severity of disciplinary measures recommended by CRB panels and that this has produced a significant degree of criticism from the police union president.
4. Administrator’s Report
- a. Proposed CRB ordinance revisions – Mr. Lipari reported that the suggested revisions have been provided to the Chair of the Public Safety Committee who plans to hold a Public Safety Committee meeting to review the suggestions.
  - b. Review of new Public Awareness designs from LPM – Mr. Lipari shared the updated drafts for the CRB’s public awareness campaign. Text and design suggestions were provided by the board members, which Mr. Lipari will share with LPM. Further design drafts will be disseminated during the month via e-mail to produce a final product by the end of the year.
  - c. Update on At-Large CRB appointment – Mr. Lipari reported that the candidate previously under consideration has removed himself because his residency issue was not going to be resolved in the near future.
  - d. Use of Force Summit, December 2 to 4 in Connecticut – Mr. Lipari informed the Board that he will be attending a Use of Force Summit held by the Daigle Law Group. The December Board meeting will be moved to the second Thursday, December 11.
  - e. January Board meeting date changed – Mr. Lipari announced that the January Board meeting will be held on the second Thursday, January 8, 2015, instead of the first Thursday which is New Year’s Day.
  - f. Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Lipari shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date.
  - g. October 2014 case statistics – Mr. Lipari reported that five new cases were received in October. The total received in 2014 is 92. Eleven cases will be reviewed during Executive Session.
5. Committees
- a. Appointment of Carol Milliken to a committee – The Chairman appointed Ms. Milliken to the Operations and Board Development & Training Committees.
  - b. Board Training & Development – Mr. Lipari reported that this committee shall begin preparing for the CRB Annual Training & Strategic Planning event. The

committee shall meet before the December meeting to choose a date, build the agenda for the day and assigning individual planning responsibilities.

- c. Creation of an ad-hoc or standing committee to develop a list of suitable candidates for CRB appointments – The Chairman appointed the following Board members to the Candidates Recruitment Committee: Mr. Louis Levine, Mr. Joseph Masella and Ms. Diane Turner.
6. New Business  
None
  7. Public Comment  
Mr. Mikiel Anderson asked questions pertaining to the Justice Center Review Board, the Police Liaison Committee, the third quarterly report, Council District events, updating the website, ordinance changes and budget changes.
  8. Meeting continued in Executive Session.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the Board adjourned its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty L. Pearson  
Typist II, Citizen Review Board