

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2017
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>
Carter, Mae	X		Ryans, Clifford	X				
Duncan, Caleb	X		Turner, V. Diane	X				
Holmes, Hatisha	X		Pearson, Betty L.	X				
Kutz, Ruth	X		Common Councilor					
Levine, Louis	X		Thompson, Steven	X				
Livingston, Mallory	X							

On Thursday, March 2, 2017, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Ms. Livingston, 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. Kutz, seconded by Mr. Ryans and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 2, 2017, Board meeting.
2. Chairman's Items
 - a. Activity and Status Report - Ms. Livingston reported that she has been working in the CRB office on the active cases. There are 41 open cases. Board members are investigating ten.
 - b. Report on Litigation – We are still waiting for the decision.
 - c. Board Vacancies – One appointment has to be made by Mayor Stephanie Miner and one each by Councilors Joseph Carni (1st District) and Chad Ryan (2nd District). One person was recommended as a possible Board member and will be interviewed by Ms. Livingston.
 - d. 2017-18 Budget – Common Councilor Steven Thompson stated that the budget has been submitted, but if anything else is needed, see him. The hearing for the 2017-18 budget with the Common Council has yet to be scheduled. When it is, Board members are asked to attend.
 - e. Monthly Financial Report – Ms. Livingston shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date.

- f. February case statistics – Ms. Livingston reported that six new cases were received in February. She stated the total received in 2017 is 21 and that 12 cases will be reviewed during Executive Session.
 - g. Annual Report – Several Board members are working to have the Annual Report completed by March 31.
 - h. Westchester Coalition for Police Reform Event – The Westchester Coalition for Police Reform invited representatives of the Syracuse, Albany and New York City Citizen Review Boards (civilian oversight structures authorized by the local municipal governments) and Police Departments to serve on a panel on the topic of “The Benefits and Limits of Independent Civilian Review Boards.” The forum is Monday, April 3 at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in White Plains. The panel is to serve as an exploratory conversation to share their experiences and perspectives regarding what has worked well with independent civilian oversight of local law enforcement, as well as what has not worked so well. Scheduled participants are Yusuf Abdul Qadir, Director of the Syracuse Chapter of the NYCLU; Brian Corr, NACOLE President and Director of Cambridge, MA Police Review and Advisory Board; Frank L. Fowler, Syracuse Chief of Police; Zach Garafalo, Albany CPRB (Citizens’ Police Review Board); Mallory Livingston, Chair, Syracuse CRB and Ivy Morris, Vice Chair of Albany CPRB. The Westchester Coalition for Police Reform was created in response to the police killing of 68-year-old former marine Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr. in his home in November 2011. Part of their agenda is to promote and implement functioning civilian oversight of law enforcement. There is no similar civilian review board in Westchester County as exists in Syracuse, Albany and New York City. The public is interested in this topic and they are committed to improving community and police relations through respectful dialogue and exchange.
3. Committees
- a. Administrator Search Committee – Mr. Levine reported that the ad was e-mailed to City employees and is posted on the City’s Personnel and Labor website, the CRB’s website, as well as Indeed.com at no cost to the CRB. The ad is posted on NACOLE’s website at a cost of \$300.00 to the CRB. The ad is posted on Idealist.com at a cost of \$90.00 to the CRB. The Post-Standard and/or Syracuse.com quote for printing/posting: One Sunday plus Neighbors and two weeks online with Spotlight is \$735.15. We will not use the Post-Standard or Syracuse.com, but will post the ad in community centers and other places around the city to attract local interest.
 - b. Community Outreach & Public Education Committee – Ms. Turner shared that the second meeting was Tuesday, February 21 at Beauchamp library for the 4th District. An OCC student is working on a documentary was present. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 14 at Hazard library for the 2nd District.

- c. Board Developments and Training – Ms. Turner reported that there is a possibility of increasing our budget for training. Councilor Thompson explained what the City cannot provide for our training, specifically food and refreshments.
 - d. Government Relations – No report
 - e. Police Liaison – Ms. Livingston will request a date to meet.
4. Public Comment (6:30 pm)
- Mr. Mikiel Anderson asked questions or made statements about residency requirements for District appointees; contracts; SPD withholding investigative reports interfering with the 60 day limit; the CRB website; quarterly and annual reports; qualifications for the Administrator position; accountability; community outreach and TNT (Nourishing Tomorrow’s Leaders).
5. 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:

16-046	Tabled	17-003	Hearing
16-092	Hearing	17-004	Hearing
16-095	No Hearing	17-009	Hearing
16-097	No Hearing	17-011	No Hearing
16-098	No Hearing	17-013	No Hearing
16-099	Hearing	17-014	No Hearing

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betty L. Pearson
 Typist II, Citizen Review Board