

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2020
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Video Conference Meeting
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		Nilsson, Lori	X		Arias, Roberto	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, October 1, 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 –Mr. Grinnals moves to approve the September meeting minutes, Ms. Nilsson seconds, all agree.
2. Chairperson’s Items:
 - a. Ms. Releford spoke with Councilor Hogan regarding the Second District vacancy and a potential candidate, but there is nothing on the agenda yet.
 - b. CRB members who have terms that end in December should contact your appointee or the equivalent Councilor.
 - c. The Committee for the Administrator’s Annual Evaluation Committee will be the CRB Chair, the Mayor (or his appointee), the Chair and two members of the CRB. Ms. Nilsson and Mr. Grinnals are suggested. Ms. Kutz moves and Ms. Natale seconds to appoint them to the Committee.
 - d. Ms. Releford has reached out to all Complainants and Officers regarding preferences for Hearing locations. The I-Lab, the Atrium and WebEx in separate rooms have all been suggested.
3. Administrator’s Report
 - a. The Board will be reviewing 4 cases this evening.
 - b. Eight new cases were received in September, making a total of 37 cases in 2020.

- c. Monthly financials have been passed out.
- d. Two potential interns acquired other assignments and one fell through. We are hoping for interns next semester.
- e. Ms. Releford will be signing up for the Use of Force Conference.
- f. Ms. Releford did an interview with the Washington Post. They found out about her from the Oversight Committee ListServ. She will email the article when it is printed.
- g. Ms. Releford also did an interview with the Daily Orange.
- h. Regarding our lower than normal case numbers, Ms. Releford believes it has to do with our office not being open. The CRB is still taking calls by phone.

4. Committees

a. Community Relations

- i. CRB has been doing community outreach with NBLCH, the National Black Leadership Commission on Health. Mr. Ryan and Ms. Natale have accompanied Ms. Releford.
- ii. Black Men United will be having a gathering on October 10th from 2PM – 6PM.
- iii. Black Arts Collective will be having a “Say Their Names” program at Bethany Baptist Church, 149 Beattie Street from 6PM – 8PM on October 14th.
- iv. Ms. Nilsson advised that there will be an event on October 19th from 2PM – 5PM in Clinton Square. There will be free haircuts and a coat drive as well as other community tables.

b. Board Development and Training

- i. The Board discussed having Bob Stewart come back and discuss what the CRB role could be in Police Reform.
- ii. Ms. Kutz does not believe he was helpful.
- iii. Ms. Natale feels he had interesting and outside the box input.
- iv. Ms. Holmes and Mr. Grinnals would like a Q&A session with him.
- v. Mr. Grinnals moves to have him come back, Ms. Nilsson seconds. Board passes the motion 8-1.

vi. Ms. Releford and Mr. McCarthy will follow up and see if we can do so in October.

c. Government Relations – meeting has been changed due to the Right to Know Legislation to 10/7 at 3PM

d. Police Liaison Committee nothing to report

5. New Business - none

6. Public Comment (6:30 PM) - none

7. Mr. Grinnals moves to move to Executive Session, Ms. Natale 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.

Case Number 19-057: NO HEARING, but letter to SPD re: BWC being left on

Case Number 19-091/092: HEARING

Case Number 17-092: Moved to forward to DA's office

Mr. Grinnals makes a motion to return to Public Session, Ms. Natale seconds, all agree. Meeting goes back into Public Session.

On motion duly made by Ms. Nilsson, seconded by Ms. Kutz and unanimously adopted, the Board adjourned its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Natale, 1st District Appointee