

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2021
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, January 7, 2021, 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 –On a motion by Mr. Grinnals and seconded by Ms. Nilsson, the December 2020 meeting minutes are approved.
2. Chairperson’s Items:
 - a. Mr. Arias and Ms. Releford will provide a list of Committee Assignments for the next meeting.
 - b. Officer Elections:
 - i. Chairperson – Ms. Kutz nominates Ms. Nilsson, Ms. Natale seconds, all agree.
 - ii. Vice-Chair – Ms. Holmes resigns. Mr. Grinnals nominates Mr. Ryan, Ms. Natale seconds, all agree.
 - iii. Secretary – Mr. Grinnals nominates Ms. Natale, Mr. Ryan seconds, all agree.
 - iv. Any Board Member with an expiring term should contact their appointor. Ms. Kutz notes that Khalid Bey is now an at-Large Councilor. She should contact both him and Latoya Allen, the current 4th District Councilor.
3. Administrator’s Report
 - a. The Board will be reviewing five cases this evening.

b. Case Activity:

- Two new cases were received in December 2020.
- 46 cases were received in 2020, the lowest number ever.

c. Review of the CRB 2020 recommendations include the Use of Force and Body Worn Camera policies.

4. Committees

a. Community Relations – the CRB did as much as possible during the COVID Pandemic. If anyone knows of any COVID safe opportunities for outreach, let the Board know.

b. Board Development and Training

- i. The CRB usually does training in March. This year scheduling will depend upon COVID restrictions.

c. Police Liaison Committee

- i. Ms. Releford spoke with the Chief as a year end review. He proposed a Community Forum and they will hash out the details. The forum could include:
1. What has been worked on.
 2. What is next and what can we improve.
 3. A “To Do” list.
 4. Questions and Concerns

- ii. The CRB wants to let the Community know what the Board looks like now and is open to comments on what the Board should look like.

- iii. Mr. Ryan notes that the CRB should educate SPD on the CRB’s role. Ms. Releford agrees, but feels that this forum may not be the place. The CRB has already spoken to the SPD recruits and maybe we could go to a Roll Call.

- iv. Ms. Releford spoke with Mr. Oliver, the new SPD Community Relations Officer today.

- v. Ms. Releford and Ms. Nilsson will meet with the new PBA President on January 14, 2021.

5. New Business - NONE

6. Public Comment (6:30 PM) – one member of the community was present.

On motion duly made by Mr. Grinnals, seconded by Ms. Brunson and unanimously adopted, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to review cases.

Cases Reviewed:

19-062	NO HEARING
19-066	HEARING
19-070	NO HEARING
19-071	NO HEARING
19-100	NO HEARING

On motion duly made by Mr. Grinnals, seconded by Ms. Natale and unanimously adopted, the Board returned to Public Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Natale, 1st District Appointee