

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 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 (late)	X				
Kutz, Ruth		X						
McCarthy, Peter	X		Releford, Ranette	X				

On Thursday, December 3, 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 –On a motion by Ms. Nilsson and seconded by Ms. Brunson, the November 2020 meeting minutes are approved with one abstention.
2. Chairperson’s Items:
 - a. The Administrator’s review will be on December 8, 2020. Please send comments to Mr. McCarthy.
 - b. The 2nd District CRB position is still open and no further referrals have been received.
 - c. Mr. McCarthy is awaiting comments on the Body Worn Camera and Use of Force Policy.
3. Administrator’s Report
 - a. The Board will not be reviewing any cases this evening.
 - b. Three new cases were received in November.
 - c. There was a special CRB Study Session on November 19, 2020 regarding the Use of Force and Body Worn Camera policies. Mr. McCarthy gave some background and Ms. Releford reviewed the CRB letter to the Chief.
 - d. Ms. Releford will be involved in the Governor’s Task Force and will provide recommendations.

- e. Ms. Releford completed two trainings this month, the Daigle Use of Force training and ILEAA Training.
- f. The CRB is still looking for ways to have hearings. Virtual may be a possibility, but Officers will not participate in those as their attorney prefers in-person hearings. Ms. Releford finds that most Complainants want in-person hearings.

4. Committees

a. Community Relations

- i. Materials were dropped off for World Aids Day.
- ii. We have done the best we can and have done more than we thought we would be able to given the circumstances.

b. Board Development and Training

- i. The CRB will wait to schedule training with Bob Stewart until we have new members.

c. Police Liaison Committee

- i. Ms. Releford was asked to provide a status report and the Chief said he received it. The CRB attorney and the Corporation Counsel attorney have been working together to confirm progress made.
- ii. Next meeting is December 8, 2020, at 1:30PM. The new Union Representative may stop in. Ms. Releford has not heard from him.
- iii. Ms. Releford does have some questions on the Attorney General's requests for files from 2013-2017. The CRB is downloading files requested by the Attorney General to a flash drive. Anything that has not been resolved by the CRB does not need to be provided.
- iv. There were 100 2017-2019 cases backlogged and now there are 66.

5. New Business

- a. Ms. Nilsson asks if the 2nd District vacancy must be filled by someone who lives in that District and is told that is not necessary.
- b. Councilman Hogan did have someone but decided not to appoint them.
- c. Mr. Ryan would like to be a voice when the CRB speaks with the Chief. Ms. Releford advises that he is on the Police Liaison Committee and the Government Relations Committee.

- d. A discussion related to the announcement that the Chief of Police will not be a sworn Officer but rather a Civilian Chief suggests that his Civilian capacity does not affect his ability to be Chief.

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

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Natale, 1st District Appointee