



**Citizens Review Board  
Tampa, Florida  
Meeting Minutes**

The Citizens Review Board of the City of Tampa, Florida convened in a regular session in the City Council Chambers at 6:01 p.m. on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.

The Legal Department was represented by Assistant City Attorney Mike Schmid.

The Recording Secretary was Debbie Mercer, Senior City Council/City Clerk Support Specialist.

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Aquil.

**II. Roll call**

Debbie Mercer conducted a roll call. The following members were present upon roll call: Tamayo, Aquil, Guy, Simmons, Reyes, Ingandela, and Blair. Member Collins arrived at 6:08 p.m. Member Banks being absent.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Aquil requested a motion for the approval of the Minutes from the February 23, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Reyes, seconded by Tamayo. Motion carried with Collins being absent at vote, and Banks being absent.

**IV. Public Comment**

Chair Aquil read the meeting guidelines, then requested anyone wishing to speak to come forward.

There was no one present for public comments.

City Attorney Schmid approached and stated that there were two audio recordings. He then played the audio recordings by Tatiana Morales and Tasha Stag who spoke on items regarding: support of the ACLU recommendations for the Citizens Review Board, accountability of Tampa Police Department, and on the actions of the Tampa Police Department.

**V. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters**

**1. Report from City Attorney's Office concerning attorney for the Board.**

Chief Assistant City Attorney Ursula Richardson, Legal Department, approached and provided in detail an overview to the proposed ordinance on the changes/recommendations for the Citizens Review Board that is before City Council.

Discussion took place between the Board and Chief Assistant City Attorney Richardson, Legal Department, regarding the following:

- The position of the City Attorney's Office on expanding reviewable cases, and the Citizen Review Board being involved in the hiring of officers.
- Whether or not if all employees of the City Attorney's Office is associated with the Tampa Police Department.
- The duties of City Attorney Schmid.
- The responsibilities of Assistant City Attorney Carl Brody.
- The type of budget increase of an independent counsel would cause.
- Additional responsibilities of the Board.
- Clarification on media communication, meetings being publicized, and having Board meetings in the community.
- Regarding subpoena power of the Board.
- Appointment of positions on the Board.

**VI. Review of Investigations**

**1. PSB/IAU case # 19S-004 involving violation of SOP 609.9 Body Worn Camera Equipment and MOR #1005 Standard of Conduct.**

Detective Jason Degagne and Captain Schoolmeesters approached and reviewed the case that involved the shooting of an armed suspect.

A discussion took place among the members, Detective Degagne, and Captain Schoolmeesters, regarding the incident that occurred.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Blair, that the Board agrees that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures for case number 19S-004, involving violation of MOR#1005 Standard of Conduct; in addition, the Board disagrees that the findings were consistent with the

three department's policies and procedures for case number 19S-004 involving violation of SOP 609.9 Body Worn Camera Equipment. Motion carried with Tamayo and Guy voting no; and Banks being absent.

The Board did not have any recommendations to the department's policies and procedures pertaining to body worn cameras.

**VII. CRB Staff Reports and Business:**

**1. Staff Reports**

City Attorney Schmid stated that there were no staff reports.

**2. New business.**

Member Guy made a motion, seconded by Collins, that Mayor Castor be requested to have someone appear before the Board on April 27, 2021, and provide an update on the Mayor's Community Task Force on policing, and any outcome of the task force that would be of interest to the Board. Motion carried with Banks being absent.

**VIII. Announcements for the Next Meeting**

Vice-Chair Tamayo announced that if anyone could not make the next meeting to please notify the Clerk at least 48 hours in advance. The next meeting would be held April 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**There being no further business to come before the Citizens Review Board at this time, said meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.**



CHAIRMAN



RECORDING SECRETARY



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