

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 6:00 p.m. on this 27th day of April 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, Collins, Aquil, Guy, Reyes, and Ingandela. Member Banks arrived at 6:02 p.m. and Blair arrived at 6:03 p.m. Member Simmons being absent.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Aquil asked if anyone had questions or comments on the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes. Collins stated for clarity, that the case that was presented at the last meeting and the motion that was made should have been two separate motions. Attorney Schmid approached and stated that there was only one case with two violations presented before the Board and that the minutes are correct.

There was also a discussion on the sentence, "the Board did not have any recommendations to the department's policies and procedures pertaining to said matter."

A motion was made by Guy, seconded by Collins, to amend the sentence from: "the Board did not have any recommendations to the department's policies and procedures

pertaining to said matter", to read as, "the Board did not have any recommendations to the department's policies and procedures pertaining to body worn cameras." Motion carried with Simmons being absent at vote.

Chair Aquil requested a motion for the approval of the Minutes as amended from the March 23, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Collins. Motion carried with Simmons being absent.

IV. Public Comment

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

There was no one present for public comments. Also, there were no audio recordings received.

V. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters

1. Presentation by Dr. Bryanna Fox on the recommendations of the Mayor's Task force on Policing.

University of South Florida Associate Criminology Professor, Dr. Bryanna Fox, whom led group meetings that focused on the future of policing in Tampa, approached and provided a detailed Powerpoint presentation on the Mayor's Task Force findings.

Discussion took place between the Board and Dr. Fox, regarding the following:

- Anti-Rioting that is before the Florida Legislation on how it jibes with the task force.
- That any information the task force may receive regarding that bill, be shared with the Citizen Review Board.
- Data of positive statistics, which indicates police and law enforcement officials that are in the community are residents of that community also.
- Partnerships within the community.
- The survey that was conducted by NYU Policing Project, and that the information be provided to Dr. Fox.
- The total number of responses from the survey that was conducted by the Mayor's Task Force.
- Recruitment efforts.
- Collaboration between the Board and the Mayor's Task Force.

VI. Review of Investigations

 PSB/IAU case # 19S-006 concerning the conduct of officers following a traffic stop which led to sustained violations for MOR #1001 – Personal Conduct, MOR #1200 – Professional Conduct and MOR #1210 – Courtesy to the Public.

Detective Neil Smith, Internal Affairs, approached and reviewed the case concerning the conduct of officers following a traffic stop.

Discussion took place among members and Detective Smith, regarding the conduct of officers following a traffic stop that led to sustained violations.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Guy, that the Board agree/sustain that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures for case number 19S-006, involving violations of MOR#1001 - Personal Conduct, MOR #1200 – Professional Conduct, and MOR #1210 – Courtesy to the Public. Motion carried with Simmons being absent.

VII. CRB Staff Reports and Business:

1. Staff Reports

City Attorney Schmid approached and stated that he will be sending an updated packet of regulations to the Board.

Member Collins asked if the Board could receive an update on the data of the arrest records for 2020.

2. New business.

Discussion took place on the noticing of meetings.

VIII. Announcements for the Next Meeting

Chair Aquil 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 May 25, 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 7:28 p.m. this 27th day of April 2021.

CHA)RMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY

CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK