



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

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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 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: Banks, Tamayo, Collins, Aquil, Reyes, Simmons, and Ingandela. Members Guy and Blair being absent.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Aquil asked if anyone had questions or revisions on the April 25, 2021 meeting minutes.

Member Collins made a motion for the approval of the Minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting with reference to roman numeral V for the recording, should anyone want additional information, seconded by Tamayo. Motion carried with Guy and Blair being absent.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Chair Aquil asked if there were anyone signed up for public comment.

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

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

##### **1. Pending Reports**

Chief Brian Dugan, Tampa Police Department, approached and provided an update on the Citizens Review Board Ordinance that is before Council. He stated that the Tampa Police Department should be transparent and build trust in the community, he suggested the following:

- Create an interview panel for prospective officers that will consist of five (5) people;
- Create a complaint filing and tracking system;
- Assignment of City Attorney Carl Brody to the Board;
- Notify the Board within 30 days of any changes that are made to the Tampa Police Department's Policy and Procedures.

Discussion took place between the Board and Chief Brain Dugan, Tampa Police Department, on the following topics: who the Chief of Police report to; the appointment of the Citizen Review Board members; community meetings by the Tampa Police Department; having the Citizens Review Board meetings at different locations in the community; and the date recommendations to take effect.

#### **VI. CRB Staff Reports and Business:**

##### **1. Staff Reports**

City Attorney Carl Brody approached and gave a brief background about himself, his duties to the Citizens Review Board, and on the progress of the recommended changes to the Board.

City Attorney Schmid approached and stated that he distributed the 2020 annual report to the Board.

##### **2. New business.**

No new business.

**VII. Review of Investigations**

**1. PSB/IAU case # 19R-003 involving an officer's use of force against an animal.**

Detective Neil Smith, Internal Affairs, approached and reviewed the case concerning an officer's use of force against an animal.

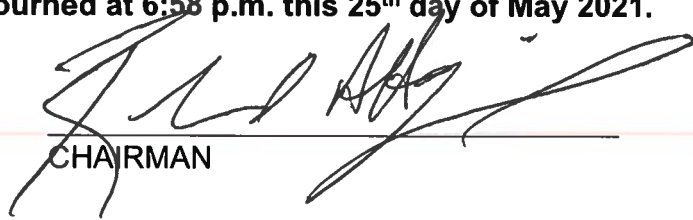
Discussion took place among members Detective Smith and Captain Kevin Schoolmeesters, regarding the incident that occurred.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Collins, that the Board agree that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures. Motion carried with Guy and Blair being absent.

**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 June 22, 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 6:58 p.m. this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.**

  
CHAIRMAN

  
RECORDING SECRETARY

  
CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK