



**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 22nd day of June 2021.

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

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 Simmons. Member Banks arrived at 6:02 p.m. and members Ingandela and Blair being absent.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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

Member Collins made a motion for the approval of the Minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting, seconded by Tamayo. Motion carried with Ingandela and Blair being absent.

IV. Public Comment

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

The following person appeared:

Sandra Zikry, 11718 Raintree Lake Lane, Apartment A, Tampa, Florida, approached and spoke on the actions of the Tampa Police Department.

There were no voice recordings nor written public comments received.

V. Review of Investigations

1. **PSB/IAU case # 20F-004 involving an Internal Affairs investigation following a complaint from the spouse of an officer in which the following policy violations were sustained: MOR # 1005, Standard of Conduct; MOR # 1201, Incompetence; MOR # 1204, Attentiveness to Duty; MOR # 1504, Firearms/Weapons; MOR # 1807 (and Legal Bulletin # 11-16), Documentation of Searches; IDP # 706.00, Procedures for Entering Mobile Devices; SOP # 339, Entry and Disposition of Property; SOP # 609.1, Assigned Vehicle Program; SOP # 635.7, License Plate Seizures; and SOP # 821, Searches and Seizures. Violation of Legal Bulletin # 14-11 was not sustained.**

Corporal Katie Thanasas, Internal Affairs, approached and reviewed the case of a complaint from the spouse of an officer, in which policy violations were sustained.

Discussion took place among members, Corporal Thanasas, and Captain Kevin Schoolmeesters, regarding the incidents that occurred.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Collins, that the Board agree/sustain that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures for case number 20F-004, involving violations of MOR # 1005, Standard of Conduct; MOR # 1201, Incompetence; MOR # 1204, Attentiveness to Duty; MOR # 1504, Firearms/Weapons; MOR # 1807 (and Legal Bulletin # 11-16), Documentation of Searches; IDP # 706.00, Procedures for Entering Mobile Devices; SOP # 339, Entry and Disposition of Property; SOP # 609.1, Assigned Vehicle Program; SOP # 635.7, License Plate Seizures; and SOP # 821, Searches and Seizures; in addition, the Board agrees with the findings of Violation of Legal Bulletin # 14-11 was not sustained. Motion carried with Ingandela and Blair being absent.

Discussion took place amongst the Board regarding the Boards concerned about the delay to correct the problem due to a delay or acknowledgement resulting in failure for this to surface without the spouse intervening to expose her spouse (the officer)

violations. The Board spoke of monitoring and evaluation for things like this to surface without someone outside of the Tampa Police Department bringing it to Internal Affairs (IA).

VI. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters

1. Pending Reports

Captain Kevin Schoolmeesters approached and stated that he was there to answer any questions that the Board have regarding the fiscal year 2020 annual report.

Board Member Collins stated that she would like for the meetings that were canceled after the June 2020 meeting, to state the following: that the meeting was canceled due to COVID.

CRB Staff Reports and Business:

1. Staff Reports

Assistant City Attorney Carl Brody approached and provided an overview on the future changes for the Citizens Review Board that were adopted by City Council, and that he will email the Board an updated version of the changes that occurred.

Discussion took place between the Board and Assistant City Attorney Brody on the following:

- The Tampa Police Department interview panel;
- The number of Board Members that would sit on the panel;
- The interviewing process;
- Rotation of Board Members;
- Notice to the public on the location of meetings;
- Appeal process/recourse/recommendations on cases that comes before the Board;
- Member representation of each Councilmember District; and
- Board Members training under extenuating circumstances.

Assistant City Attorney Schmid approached and provided the Board suggestions on moving forward for the August meeting, and offered the Tampa Police Department the opportunity to present in July with plans on implementing the changes to the Board. He stated that the changes would not take effect until January 2022. Also, a discussion on who would sit on the Tampa Police Department interview panel for four months and the requirements of serving on the panel.

Discussion took place between the Board and Assistant City Attorney Schmid on choosing a member to sit on the Tampa Police Department hiring panel. It is their intent that the Board Member selected would be trained in July, and ready to review Tampa Police Department candidates on or around August 2nd or 4th and believe this may require up to two days for the process of viewing respective candidates.

Member Tamayo made a motion to nominate Collins to serve on the Tampa Police Department hiring panel for August 2021, seconded by Simmons. Collins accepted. Motion carried with Ingandela and Blair being absent.

Discussion took place between the Board and Assistant City Attorney Schmid on the July 2021 Citizens Review Board agenda.

VII. 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 July 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Orlando Gudes, Tampa City Council, approached and stated that the recommendations that were made by Tampa City Council was to strengthen the Board. Also, he invited the Board to attend the signing of the ordinance on Thursday, June 24, 2021 and thank the Board for their service.

Councilmember Joseph Citro, Tampa City Council, approached, and thanked the Board for their service.

There being no further business to come before the Citizens Review Board at this time, said meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. this 22nd day of June 2021.


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CHAIRMAN


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