



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 6:19 p.m. on this 23rd day of February 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 Debbie Mercer, Recording Secretary. She then advised the Board to make a motion to elect a Vice-Chair to preside over said meeting.

A motion was made by Blair and seconded by Simmons to elect Tamayo as Vice-Chair for said meeting.

II. Roll call

Debbie Mercer conducted a roll call. The following members were present upon roll call: Banks, Tamayo, Collins, Simmons, Reyes, Ingandela, and Blair. Members Aquil and Guy were absent.

III. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Shirley Foxx-Knowles, City Clerk, provided direction in the process of nominating and electing a Chair and Vice-Chair. She then read the nomination guidelines.

Shirley Foxx-Knowles opened the floor for nominations of Chair. Member Tamayo nominated Rasheed Aquil for Chair. Mrs. Foxx-Knowles asked if there were any other nominations. With there being no other nominations, Member Aquil was elected as Chair of the Citizen Review Board.

Shirley Foxx-Knowles opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Member Tamayo nominated Irene Guy for Vice-Chair. Mrs. Foxx-Knowles asked if there were any other nominations. With there being no other nominations, Member Guy was elected as Vice-Chair of the Citizen Review Board.

IV. Public Comment

Vice-Chair Tamayo read the meeting guidelines, then requested anyone wishing to speak to come forward.

There was no one present for public comments.

V. Approval of the Minutes

Vice-Chair Tamayo requested a motion for the approval of the Minutes from the October 27, 2020 and December 1, 2020 meetings. A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Collins. Motion carried with Aquil and Guy being absent.

VI. CRB Annual Report

Vice-Chair Tamayo asked the Board if anyone had any questions for Detective Katie Thanasas, regarding the 2019 Annual Report. There were no questions from the Board.

Vice-Chair Tamayo requested a motion. A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Simmons, to approve the 2019 annual report. Motion carried with Aquil and Guy being absent.

VII. Community and Tampa Police Department matters:

CRB Staff Reports and Business:

Discussion on changes to CRB before City Council.

City Attorney Michael Schmid, Legal Department, approached and stated that he provided an update to the proposed changes to the Citizens Review Board. He encouraged the Board to read over the proposed revisions and reminded the Board that City Council would be discussing said matter at the City Council Workshop meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021. He also, stated that the Board could participate/comment at the meeting by calling in or appear in person.

VII. Review of Investigations:

PSB/IAU Case #19R-007 involving the shooting of an armed suspect.

Detective Gary Sandel approached and reviewed the case that involved the shooting of an armed suspect.

A discussion took place among the members and Detective Sandel regarding the incident that occurred.

Vice-Chair Tamayo requested a motion. A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Simmons, that the Board agrees that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures. Motion carried with Aquil and Guy being absent.

VIII. CRB Staff Reports and Business:

CRB Motions from October 27, 2020:

- a. To discuss the scheduling of meetings

Discussion took place between the Board and City Attorney Schmid regarding the Board to meet monthly and conducting a workshop every other month. Debbie Mercer, Recording Secretary, reminded the Board that a motion was made for the Board to return to monthly meetings at the June 26, 2021 meeting.

- b. To discuss outside counsel.

Discussion took place between the Board and City Attorney Schmid regarding the City Legal Department to appear before the Board and make a presentation on outside counsel.

A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Simmons, that the Legal Department be requested to appear before the Board to make a presentation on outside counsel at the March 23, 2021 meeting. Motion carried with Aquil and Guy being absent.

- c. To use total number signed up for public comment and then set limit on time for public comment.

Discussion took place between the Board and City Attorney Schmid regarding public comment and following the rules that the Board already have in place, so that the Board will be able to finish the agenda as set.

d. To discuss noticing of meetings.

Discussion took place between the Board and City Attorney Schmid on noticing of the meetings and the different methods that are used to post meetings.

e. New business.

There was no new business.

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 March 23, 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 7:35 p.m. this 23rd day of February 2021.

CHAIRMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY

CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK