



**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 6:02 p.m. on this 25th day of January 2022.

The Legal Department was represented by Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle.

The Recording Secretary was Tonia Wilcox, City Clerk Support Technician.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Aquil.

II. Roll call

Tonia Wilcox conducted a roll call. The following members were present upon roll call: Banks, Tamayo, Aquil, Valdes, Simmons, and Reyes. Member Irvin, Collins, Guy and Ingandela being absent at roll call. Member Collins

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.

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. Chair Aquil nominated Darryl J. Reyes. Carlos Valdes nominated himself. Member Aquil elected as Chair of the Citizens Review Board.

Shirley-Foxx-Knowles opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chair. Chair Aquil nominated Irene Guy. Mrs. Foxx-Knowles asked if there were any other nominations. Member Tamayo nominated Darryl J. Reyes. Member Reyes nominated Carlos Valdes. Member Reyes elected as Vice Chair of the Citizens Review Board

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Aquil requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from the October 26, 2021, meeting. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Reyes. Motion carried with Irvin, Guy, Collins, and Ingandela being absent.

Chair Aquil asked for the record to reflect that Member Collins was in attendance.

V. Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

VI. CRB Staff Reports and Business

1. Staff Reports

i. Report regarding Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Acting Chief Ruben Delgado, Tampa Police Department, approached and provided updated information pertaining to the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Chief Delgado explained that the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program has been changed to the Safe Program. The Safe Program is a program that houses three programs (Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch and Multi-Housing) underneath one umbrella. Chief Delgado explained how the programs are structured and work.

Discussion took place amongst board members and Chief Delgado regarding the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program/Safe Program.

VII. Review of Investigations

- 1. PSB/IAU case # 19F-007: #1005 – Standard of Conduct, #1201-Incompetence, #1807 – Failure to Comply: Department Policies. The officer resigned during the investigation. The investigation began on August 6, 2019.**

Detective Jason DeGagne, Internal Affairs, approached and reviewed the case of an officer making a citizen traffic stop of a twenty-two-year-old female. During the stop, the

officer told the female that she had a warrant for her arrest when in fact she did not have a warrant for her arrest. Discussion took place among members, Detective DeGagne, regarding the timeline of the incident.

Detective DeGagne proceeded with the review of the case stating that the officer asked irrelevant questions about her ethnicity, relationship status, and parents. The officer even asked how savage would she get to get out of a ticket. The female became uncomfortable, and immediately interpreted this interaction as sexual. The female's claim was confirmed, with a control call which was conducted by Professional Standards Bureau. In addition, the officer did have a body camera in his possession, which he failed to activate and that prohibited the capture of any police interaction between the officer and female.

The officer responded to the Professional Standards Bureau request to review the evidence. The officer reviewed the evidence on September 20, 2019 and submitted a resignation shortly thereafter on September 22, 2019. Also, the officer's law certification was revoked by the Department of Law Enforcement and there was no written certification on this case as the officer resigned.

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

Discussion took place amongst the Board and Assistant City Attorney Pettis-Mackle, in regard to requesting a motion for the case. Assistant City Attorney Pettis-Mackle stated that no motion was needed since the officer resigned, and no disposition letter was provided.

VIII. CRB Staff Reports and Business

ii. Training to be provided by City Attorney's Office

Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid approached and provided an update regarding Tampa Police Department's hiring process, Citizen's Academy training for the new board members and the changes to the updated ordinance, which was adopted by Tampa City Council on June 7, 2021 and was implemented December 7, 2021.

Captain Kevin Schoolmeesters approached and provided an update regarding the training for the new complaint tracking system and procedure. Captain Kevin Schoolmeesters also notified the board that he will be transferred and introduced Patrick Messmer as his replacement.

Discussion took place among members and Captain Kevin Schoolmeesters regarding a walk-in citizen complaint, speeding police vehicle, and whether monthly data will be provided for the new compliant tracking system.

2. New Business

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle approached and provided an update regarding the adoption of the modified CRB Rules and Procedures, revised CRB agenda format, and public comment new processes.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Collins, that the Board adopt the revised agenda format. Motion carried with Guy, Irvin and Ingandela being absent.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Valdes, that the Board receive the new CRB Rules and Procedures. Motion carried with Guy, Irvin and Ingandela being absent

IX. Announcements for the Next Meeting

Board members discussed starting a community engagement committee to be able to build relationships within the communities.


Discussion took place amongst the Chair Aquil and Assistant City Attorney Pettis-Mackle regarding the Citizen's Review Board's Annual Report.

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 February 22, 2022 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 7:37 p.m. this 25th day of January 2022.


CHAIRMAN


RECORDING SECRETARY


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