



**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 6:01 p.m. on this 26th day of April 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, Ingandela, and Irvin. Members Reyes, Collins, and Guy being absent at roll call.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Aquil requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from the March 22, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Ingandela. Motion carried with Guy, Collins, and Reyes being absent.

IV. Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

V. Staff and Board Response to Public Comments

No responses for this item since there were no public comments.

VI. Review of Investigations

- 1. 17R-001 MOR: 1807 – Failure to Comply: Department Policies, to wit: Standard Operating Procedure 537 Deadly Force. An officer utilized deadly force on an armed, in progress burglary suspect who attacked him, along with his police canine, with an ignited accelerant. The suspect survived the gunshot wounds. No violation found.**

Captain Patrick Messmer with the Tampa Police Department approached and presented the case concerning an officer involved shooting, in which the officer was justified pursuant to the Florida Statutes and no charges were filed.

Discussions took place amongst members and Captain Patrick Messmer regarding the incident that occurred.

Additional discussions took place amongst the board and Assistant City Attorney Pettis-Mackle, regarding requesting a motion for the case. Assistant City Attorney Pettis-Mackle stated that no motion was needed since there were no disciplinary actions associated with the investigation.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Valdes, that the board concurs with findings of the investigation, and no violations were found against the TPD officer. Motion carried with Guy and Reyes being absent.

VII. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters

Captain Patrick Messmer with the Tampa Police Department announced the Rise Up for Peace, The Family Fun Day Event, April 30, 2022, 12p.m.- 5p.m., held at Al Barnes Park.

VIII. CRB Staff Reports and Business

1. Review of TPD SOP 609.9 body worn camera policy

Captain Patrick Messmer with the Tampa Police Department provided an overview of the revised body worn camera policy. Captain Messmer stated minor changes were made to make the body worn camera more user friendly.

Discussions took place amongst members and Captain Patrick Messmer regarding the mute mode feature built into the body worn camera.

2. CRB proposed Community meeting locations:

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle discussed with board members the below proposed locations where community meetings will be held based on approval from members.

- i. Councilman Carlson (District 4): Jan Platt Library
- ii. Chair Maniscalco (District 6): David Barksdale Senior Citizen Center at MacFarland Park or Wellswood Civic Center
- iii. Councilman Viera (District 7): Forest Hills Community Center
- iv. Councilman Gudes (District 5): Old City Hall

Discussions took place amongst members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding the locations for community meetings.

Chair Aquil asked for the record to reflect that member Collins was absent but is now present.

Further discussions took place amongst members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding additional proposed locations for community meetings.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Collins to hold communitywide meetings at the disclosed locations for all City Council Districts 4,6, and 7, except for District 5. Motion carried with Guy and Reyes being absent.

Discussion took place amongst members regarding the passing of Debbie Mercer, Senior City Council/City Clerk Support Specialist.

A Resolution was sent by Member Collins without having time to address the board, so the Resolution was shared with Mrs. Mercer's councilman and staff.

Discussion took place amongst members regarding the appropriateness of such action.

Further discussions took place amongst board members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding a Resolution and/or letter to the Mercer family.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Collins to have Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle create a Resolution letter for the Mercer family. Motion carried with Guy and Reyes being absent.

IX. Items Continued

None

X. Announcements/New Business

Board member Valdes introduced, discussed, and recommended that TPD use a Disciplinary Matrix like the South Bend Indiana Police Department to ensure that officers receive comparable discipline as their counterparts.

Discussions took place amongst members and Captain Patrick Messmer regarding the Disciplinary Matrix and how it relates to TPD's Progressive Discipline policy.

Further discussion took place amongst members requesting that Captain Patrick Messmer do a parallel comparison to the South Bend Indiana Police Department's Disciplinary Matrix and TPD's Progressive Discipline policy. The comparison is to be brought back before the board in July 2022.

1. Annual Report Presentation to City Council May 5, 2022, 9:00AM

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle reviewed with board members the date and time the Annual Report would be presented to City Council.

2. Next Meeting May 24, 2022

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 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Citizens Review Board at this time, said meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. this 26th day of April 2022.



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