

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 6:10 p.m. on this 26th day of October 2021.

The Legal Department was represented by Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid.

The Recording Secretary was Debbie Mercer, Senior City Council/City Clerk Support Specialist and Tonia Wilcox, City Clerk Support Technician.

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, and Reyes. Members Simmons, Guy and Ingandela being absent. The Board new members: Irvin and Valdes were in attendance.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Aquil requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from the September 21, 2021, meeting. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Banks. Motion carried with Simmons, Guy and Ingandela being absent.

IV. Public Comment

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

The following people appeared:

Tazia Stagg, 2905 E. Okara Rd approached and spoke on the actions regarding Tampa Police Department.

There were no voice recordings nor written public comments received.

V. Review of Investigations

1. PSB/IAU case # 21F-005 – MOR #1107 Truthfulness in Department Matters, MOR #1012 Sexual Activity on Duty, MOR #1204.04 Attentiveness to Duty, MOR #1504 Secure Storge of Firearms, MOR #1813 Cooperation with Department Investigations, SOP 609.1 Assigned Vehicle Program, and SOP 609.9 Body Worn Camera Equipment. The officer resigned during the investigation. The investigation began on April 2, 2021.

Captain Jason Degagne, Professional Standards Internal Affairs, approached and reviewed the case concerning Tampa Police Officer, Magarosi. Captain Degagne stated that Magarosi was supplying a female friend with prescription medication, having work firearm not safely secured within his home, and engaging in sexual activity on the job. All violations against Magarosi were sustained, except for the alcohol consumption and drug use.

Discussion took place among members, Captain Jason Degagne, and Captain Brian Hill, Tampa Police Department regarding the incidents that occurred and the resignation of Magarosi.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Reyes, that the Board concur that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures for case number #21F-005 - Internal Affairs investigation concerning violations of MOR #1107 Truthfulness in Department Matters, MOR #1012 Sexual Activity on Duty, MOR #1204.04 Attentiveness to Duty, MOR #1504 Secure Storage of Firearms, MOR #1813 Cooperation with Department Investigations, SOP 609.1 Assigned Vehicle Program, and SOP 609.9 Body Worn Camera Equipment. Motion carried with Simmons, Guy and Ingandela being absent.

2. PSB/IAU case # 21F-009 - MOR #1006 Association, MOR #1005 Standard of Conduct, and MOR #1208 Insubordination. The officer was terminated. The investigation began on July 19, 2021.

Corporal Katie Thanasas approached and reviewed the case that involved an officer being in a relationship and engaged to be married to a convicted felon.

Discussion took place among members, Captain Patrick Messmer, Tampa Police Department and Corporal Katie Thanasas, regarding the incidents that occurred.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Reyes, seconded by Banks, that the Board concur that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures for case number #21F-009 - Internal Affairs investigation concerning violations of MOR #1006 Association, MOR #1005 Standard of Conduct, and MOR #1208 Insubordination. Motion carried with Simmons, Guy and Ingandela being absent.

Discussion took place among members and Assistant City Attorney, Michael Schmid concerning the survey in which the Citizen Review Board utilizes and how the survey has helped with the selection of the rough cases throughout the year.

VI. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters

Captain Schoolmeesters approached and provided an overview to the board concerning citizen Tazia Stagg's complaint.

VII. CRB Staff Reports and Business

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

Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid approached and provided training to the board regarding the new changes relating to the updated ordinance, which was adopted by Tampa City Council on June 7, 2021.

Discussion took place among members and Assistant City Attorney, Michael Schmid concerning the ride-along and training for new members Irvin and Valdez.

Further discussion took place among members and Assistant City Attorney, Michael Schmid regarding consolidation of meetings for the months of November and December.

Chair Aquil requested a motion for approval of the November and December meetings to be combined and held on December 7, 2021. A motion was made by Banks, seconded by Reyes. Motion carried with Simmons, Guy and Ingandela being absent.

1. New Business

Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid approached and clarified the date as to when the new ordinance was originally adopted by Tampa City Council, which was on June 17, 2021.

Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid provided an update regarding the Crime-Free Program, being finalized. A date will be provided during the December 7, 2021, meeting as to when the item will come back before the board.

Discussion took place among board members and Captain Schoolmeesters regarding the streetlights that are placed in the low-income neighborhoods.

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 December 7, 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 7:29 p.m. this 26th day of October 2021.

CHAIRMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY

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