



**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 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: Collins, Aquil, Guy, Reyes, Simmons, Ingandela, and Blair. Member Tamayo being absent.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Aquil requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from the June 22, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Guy, seconded by Collins. Motion carried with Tamayo being absent.

**IV. Public Comment**

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

The following persons appeared:

James Simmons, 215 W. Grand Central #1204, Tampa, Florida, approached and spoke about an incident that happened on a Hart Bus and the actions of the Tampa Police Department.

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-006 involving an Internal Affairs investigation of the supervising Sergeant following Internal Affairs investigation of Case 20F-004 which was sustained. The Sergeant was investigated for violations of MOR # 1701 Supervisor Responsibility; and MOR # 1807 Failure to Comply with Departmental Policies, to wit: IDP #303.07 S.A.C Expense and Informant's Fund.**

Corporal Katie Thanasas, Internal Affairs, approached and reviewed the case of a supervising Sergeant, 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 Guy, seconded by Banks, that the Board agree/sustain that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures for case number 20F-006, involving an Internal Affairs investigation of the supervising Sergeant following Internal Affairs investigation of Case 20F-004 which was sustained. The Sergeant was investigated for violations of MOR # 1701 Supervisor Responsibility; and MOR # 1807 Failure to Comply with Departmental Policies, to wit: IDP #303.07 S.A.C Expense and Informant's Fund. Motion carried with Tamayo being absent.

**2. PSB/IAU case # 20F-148 involving an Internal Affairs investigation into the use of derogatory comments four times on two separate dates in violation of Manual of Regulation #1807 Departmental Policies; City of Tampa Personnel Manual B1.2 Discriminatory Conduct; and SOP #536 Professional Responsibility and Philosophy of Enforcement.**

Detective Jason DeGagne approached and reviewed the case of the use of derogatory comments four times on two separate dates in violation of Manual of Regulation.

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

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Simmons, that the Board defer their vote until the next month's meeting, so that statistical data is available that will help the Board decide. Motion was withdrawn by Collins.

Assistant City Attorney Carl Brody approached and stated that the case that was provided to the Board was consistent with the ordinance. He reminded the Board that they are required to make a decision according to what was presented, and there are three options to choose from: to concur, do not concur, or not able to reach a decision.

Collins made a motion, seconded by Simmons, that the Board was unable to make a decision on case number 20F-148 involving an Internal Affairs investigation into the use of derogatory comments four times on two separate dates in violation of Manual of Regulation #1807 Departmental Policies; City of Tampa Personnel Manual B1.2 Discriminatory Conduct; and SOP #536 Professional Responsibility and Philosophy of Enforcement. Motion carried with Ingandela voting no, Guy abstaining, and Tamayo being absent.

Collins made a motion, seconded by Reyes, that staff be requested to provide statistical information on cases regarding the disciplinary actions for the B1.2 violations over a period of time, within the Tampa Police Department. Motion carried with Tamayo being absent.

**VI. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters**  
**1. Report on Mental Health Co-Responder Pilot Program.**

Lieutenant Kert Rojka approached and provided a power point presentation on "Tampa's Crisis Intervention Response Team," that will be launched at the Tampa Police Department. He provided a detailed overview on how the mental health co-responder pilot program started, where they are now, and how they are going to move forward.

Dr. Kathy Thompson approached, introduced herself, and provided a brief background about herself.

Discussion took place between the Board, Lieutenant Rojka, and Dr. Thompson regarding the mental health co-responder pilot program on the following:

- The mental health coverage scope of experience in PTSD and military sexual trauma;
- The area of focus in mental health;
- The point of contact, training, and timeframe;
- The number and time of shifts;
- Age demographics; and
- Trafficking victims.

**2. Report on Tampa Police Department Quality Assurance Report.**

All Board Members received a copy of the report, and there were no comments.

**CRB Staff Reports and Business:**

**1. Staff Reports**

Assistant City Attorney Brody approached and provided an update on the NAACP nominee and the City Council appointment to the Citizens Review Board.

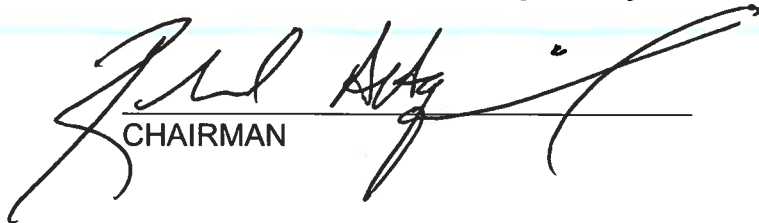
Assistant City Attorney Schmid introduced Lieutenant Kimberly Hill, who will be working with the Board for Tampa Police Department (TPD) interview panel.

Lieutenant Kimberly Hill approached and stated that she is assigned to the Support Services Division and to provide a book to Collins regarding TPD interview panel. She stated that she would be at the next meeting to talk with the Board about the process, how it's going to work, what it will look like, and that Board Members would receive the TPD policies and procedures.

**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 August 24, 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 7:48 p.m. this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.**

  
CHAIRMAN

  
RECORDING SECRETARY

  
CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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