

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 6:00 p.m. on this 24th day of May 2022.

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

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

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle approached and requested a motion to elect an Acting Chair Pro-Tem for the May 24, 2022, meeting as the Chair and Vice-Chair were absent.

A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Collins, that Guy act as Chair Pro-Tem for May 24, 2022, meeting as both Chair and Vice-Chair were absent. Motion carried with Aquil, Ingandela and Reyes being absent.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Pro-Tem Guy.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

Acting Chair Pro-Tem Guy requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from the April 26, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Banks. Motion carried with Reyes, Ingandela, and Aquil being absent.

IV. Public Comment

Acting Chair Pro-Tem Guy 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

 21F-015 MOR: 1005 – Standard of Conduct, sustained – MOR 1001 Alcohol Consumption, sustained – MOR 1102, Abuse of Position of Identification, Sustained. While off duty, an officer became intoxicated and used a police identification in an attempt to gain priority ride access to a theme park, Officer resigned during the investigation.

Detective DeGagne with the Internal Affairs approached and presented the case concerning an officer who used her police badge to skip the line, so that she could ride an amusement ride ahead of others. The officer pushed by the theme park employee, used foul and derogatory language towards another police officer, which at that point it was evident that the officer was intoxicated. While the incident was being investigated the officer resigned and ultimately retired. As a result of the investigation, the disposition letter found that all the violations were sustained.

Discussion took place amongst members and Detective DeGagne regarding the incident that occurred and the officer's retirement.

Additional discussion took place amongst the board and Detective DeGagne regarding the review of the case, the difference between trespassing and being ejected from a theme park. Detective DeGagne provided explanations, stating that it's the property owner's decision to trespass or eject someone who's being disruptive. If the property owner decides to eject someone, they are escorted out of the park without collecting a name. On the other hand, if the property owner trespasses someone, their name is collected, and they are trespassed from the property for a designated period by the property owner, which maybe in months or year.

Acting Chair Pro-Tem Guy requested a motion. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Collins, that the board approve the decisions of the police department in sustaining the violations of all three of the manual regulations. Motion carried with Reyes, Ingandela, and Aquil being absent.

VII. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters

Nothing under this item

VIII. CRB Staff Reports and Business

1. CRB proposed Community meeting locations:

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle approached and provided dates and locations to board members where some community meetings will be held, and proposed dates and locations for others.

- i. Councilman Gudes (District 5): Ragan Park Community Center, C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, Seminole Heights Branch Library
- ii. Councilman Carlson (District 4): Jan Platt Library, July 26, 2022
- iii. Councilman Viera (District 7): Forest Hills Community Center, **September 27**, **2022**
- iv. Councilman Maniscalco (District 6): David Barksdale, Senior Citizen Center at MacFarlane Park *schedule conflict with the board. Other consideration is Wellswood Civic Center

Discussions took place amongst members regarding the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library for district 5, community meeting to be held.

Acting Chair Pro-Tem Guy requested a motion. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Banks, that the board approve the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library for district 5, community meeting to be held. Motion carried with Reyes, Ingandela, and Aquil being absent.

IX. Items Continued

None

X. Announcements/New Business

Board member Valdes discussed that he would like for the CRB board to be notified of any other board's upcoming meetings, so that CRB members may be present at those meetings. Valdez further stated that on May 23, 2022, there was a council workshop that he and the board was not aware of. The workshop was to discuss, prepare and present a draft ordinance that would give the CRB discretion to hire or retain independent counsel.

Additional discussion took place amongst the board and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding the workshop for the CRB draft ordinance. Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle explained that the item was not able to be heard at the May 23, 2022, workshop and was continued to a later date, the date will be provided to the board once it's confirmed.

Board member Valdes discussed the CRB 2021, Annual Report which was presented before city council on May 5, 2022, the session was well attended and there was also a great discussion with council. Valdez also discussed that he had learned the city was under a federal investigation and requested that in the future if the board could be made aware of such important matters.

Discussion took place amongst members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding the city's investigation.

Board member Guy discussed the CRB's website and its inaccuracies. The website appears to be reporting inaccurate information and needs updating.

Acting Chair Pro-Tem Guy 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 June 28, 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 6:34 p.m. this 24th day of May 2022.

CHAIRMAN/VICECHAIRMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY

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