



## **Citizens Review Board Tampa, Florida Meeting Minutes**

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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 28th day of June 2022.

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

The Recording Secretary was Tonia Wilcox, Sr. City Council/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: Tamayo, Aquil, Valdes, Ingandela, Reyes and Irvin. Members Banks and Collins being absent at roll call.

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Aquil requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from the May 25, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Guy, seconded by Tamayo. Motion carried with Banks and Collins 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. 21F-001: two supervisors were alleged to be using department issued computers to engage in personal conversations and engaged in criticism/gossip with subordinate officers. MOR 1008 Criticism/Gossip sustained; MOR 1204 Attentiveness to Duty, not sustained; MOR 1402 Departmental Property Restriction of Use, sustained; MOR 1701 Supervisor Responsibility, sustained. The officers received a letter of counseling.**

Corporal Katie Thanasas with the Tampa Police Department approached and presented the case concerning two supervising officers who used company computers to engage in personal conversations with subordinate officers.

Discussion took place amongst members and Corporal Katie Thanasas regarding the incidents that occurred.

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

Discussion took place amongst members, Corporal Katie Thanasas and Detective DeGagne regarding the acronyms that were used by TPD and what they stood for.

Additional discussion took place amongst members and the Corporal Katie Thanasas concerning TPD's policies and disciplinary actions at the conclusion of the investigation.

**Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Valdes, seconded by Collins, that the board concurs with the department sustaining MOR 1008; 1402 and 1701; however, the board did not concur with MOR 1204 as the members need a further explanation as to why MOR 1204 was not sustained. Motion carried 6-2, with Guy and Irvin voting no and Banks being absent.**

**Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Irvin, seconded by Reyes for MOR 1204 to be placed on the July 26, 2022, agenda as a continued item. Motion carried 6-0, with Banks being absent.**

## **VII. Community and Tampa Police Department Matters**

No community and Tampa Police department matters.

## **VIII. CRB Staff Reports and Business**

### **1. Discussion on pending City council motion regarding independent counsel and ability to issue subpoenas**

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle approached to discuss with the board the ability to have independent counsel and issue subpoenas.

Discussion took place amongst members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding the ordinance, code section: 18-8, subsection H-6, which refers to hiring outside counsel when there is a conflict of interest.

Further discussion took place amongst members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding the process of determining who and how an independent counsel is selected for the CRB.

Discussion took place amongst members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding the board opposition and uneasiness to hiring independent counsel.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid approached to further explain the hiring of independent counsel for the CRB.

Further discussion took place amongst members and Senior Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid regarding the board's opinion as to whether they are in support of independent counsel.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Valdes that the board agrees to have full independent counsel with the ability to issue subpoenas. Motion failed due to no one seconded.

**Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Guy, seconded by Irvin to continue with the current ordinance and not implement the change of having independent counsel. Motion carried 6-2, with Collins and Valdes voting no and Banks being absent.**

**Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Reyes to table the discussion of having the ability of issuing subpoenas at the next**



meeting, July 26, 2022. Tie vote 4-4, with Guy, Irvin, Tamayo and Valdes voting no and Banks being absent. Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle stated since there was a tie vote the ability to issue subpoenas discussion will be added to the July 26, 2022, agenda.

#### **IX. Items Continued**

None

#### **X. Announcements/New Business**

Chair Aquil announced the next meeting will be held at the Jan Platt Library, 3910 South Manhattan Ave. Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle announced that she will provide public notice regarding the meeting, so that the public is informed.

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle shared with the board that Tampa City Council received and reviewed the 2020-21 CRB annual report. Report was received and filed by the City Clerk's Office.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Valdes seconded by Collins to discuss a document which was received through the CRB's email account at the July 26, 2022, meeting. Motion carried with Banks being absent.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Reyes to have TPD provide a report at the July 26, 2022, meeting regarding school safety protocols. Motion carried with Banks being absent.

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Valdes, seconded by Guy to have TPD provide data, year-to-date in relation to gun violence for the August 23, 2022, meeting. Motion carried with Banks being absent.

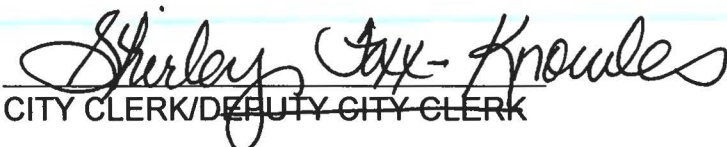
Discussion took place amongst members and Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle regarding TPD's Behavior Disciplinary policy to be discussed at the August 23, 2022, meeting.

#### **1. Next Meeting July 26, 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 July 26, 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 7:46 p.m. this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

  
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