

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 6:09 p.m. on this 21st day of September 2021.

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

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, Guy, Irvin, and Blair. Member Reyes, Simmons, 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 August 24, 2021, meeting. A motion was made by Guy, seconded by Tamayo. Motion carried with Reyes, Simmons, and Ingandela being absent.

IV. Public Comment

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

The following people appeared:

Rasel Coffee approached and spoke on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Joseph Nohava, 14432 Roder Straser Circle, Tampa, Florida, approached and spoke on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Connie Burton approached and spoke on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

David Jones approached and spoke on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Yvette Lewis approached and spoke on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Pamela Gomez approached and spoke on the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Tacia Stagg approached and spoke on the actions regarding Tampa Police Department.

There were no voice recordings nor written public comments received.

V. CRB Staff Reports and Business

1. Staff Reports

i. Report regarding Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Acting Chief Ruben Delgado, Tampa Police Department, approached and provided information pertaining to the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Chief Delgado gave an understanding of where the program started, the changes that were made and where the program is currently.

Captain Brian Hill, Tampa Police Department, approached and presented a report regarding the data for the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

Discussion took place amongst board members and Chief Delgado regarding the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

VI. Review of Investigations

1. PSB/IAU case # 20R-001 - Internal Affairs investigation concerning violations of SOP 537 Deadly Force. The Investigation involved incident on January 12, 2020 when officers responded to shots fired and encountered a male who approached the officers with a firearm. As the male made a hostile movement officers fired and struck the male who survived his injuries. The PSB/IAU investigation led to a determination that there was not a violation of policy.

Detective Gary Sandel, Internal Affairs, approached and reviewed the case concerning officers that responded to shots fired and encountered a male who approached the officers with a firearm. As the male made a hostile movement, officers fired, struck the male who survived his injuries.

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

Chair Aquil requested a motion. A motion was made by Tamayo, seconded by Collins, that the Board concur that the findings were consistent with the department's policies and procedures for case number 20R-001 - Internal Affairs investigation concerning violations of SOP 537 — Deadly Force. Motion carried with Reyes, Simmons, and Ingandela being absent.

VII. CRB Staff Reports and Business

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

Lieutenant Kimberly Hill, Tampa Police Department, approached and communicated to the Board about the implementation of the new Tampa Police Interview panel. She briefly provided an overview of the books that was provided to the Board regarding the following:

Assistant City Camaria Pettis-Mackle 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. Assistant City Camaria Pettis-Mackle distributed training manuals and/or materials, to the board members that included current/new rules and procedures.

2. New Business

Assistant City Attorney Camaria Pettis-Mackle stated that there were no additional reports.

Discussion took place amongst board members, Captain Schoolmeesters and City Attorney Gina Grimes regarding the process as to how a new chief of police is appointed.

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 October 26, 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 8:19 p.m. this 21st day of September 2021.

CHAIRMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY

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