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**Civilian Police Review Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting held via ZOOM**  
**April 28, 2021, Meeting minutes, 6:05 P.M.**

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TOWN & CITY CLERK  
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**Present:** Commissioner Eric Crawford, Chair; Commissioner Walter Butler; Commissioner Lorenzo Blake, Secretary; Commissioner Andrea Hartman, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Hyacinth Yennie; CPRB Interim Inspector General, Beth Merkin; Sr. Assistant Corporation Counsel Jonathan Beamon; Director of Office of Equity & Opportunity, Karen Taylor; Office of Equity & Opportunity staff liaison, Kimberly Taylor; Hartford Police Department, Lt. William Rea and Sergeant Leslie Suarez; New Light Investigator, Jacqueline Manning

**Members of the Public:** Michael Ericson, Neomi Soto  
**Present, but left early:** Commissioner Victor Luna

- 1) The Chair, Eric Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
- 2) The Secretary, Lorenzo Blake conducted a roll call and verified that there was a quorum at 6:06 P.M.
- 3) The Director of the Office of Equity & Opportunity, Karen Taylor did an introduction of the primary participants of the meeting and gave updates about the ongoing collaborations between her office and the CPRB at 6:11 P.M.
- 4) The Interim Inspector General, Beth Merkin introduced herself and made some remarks at 6:15 P.M.
- 5) New Business: Commissioner Yennie expressed concern about CPRB minutes format. Commissioner Hartman stated she found the minutes format satisfactory from 6:18 P.M. to 6:20 P.M.
- 6) Old Business: None.
- 7) Deliberation of Cases: All the cases were discussed and the action(s) that would be taken on each was decided via the Board through the following process; The Chair would yield the floor to the Interim Inspector General, the Interim Inspector General would state the case number and give a summary of what each case entailed, The Chair would open the floor for any voting Commissioner to debate for sustaining or unsustaining the listed complaints; the Secretary would

request a vote from each voting Commissioner and record them. This process transpired from 6:22 P.M. to 8:05 P.M.

| IAD no. | Complainant                | CPRB Vote outcome   | Case Discussion by                              | Abstentions |
|---------|----------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| 18-048  | Pamela Leach               | Unsustained   | Beamon, Blake, Butler, Crawford, Yennie         |             |
| 19-011  | Dwight Minott              |   | Blake, Manning, Rea, Yennie                     |             |
|         |                            | Case tabled; Board to access and review additional relevant evidence. |   |             |
| 19-015  | Shawn Adrian Duncan        | Unsustained   | Blake, Butler, Hartman, Merkin, Yennie          |             |
| 19-023  | Marel Jaroda               |   | Hartman, Merkin, Rea, Yennie                    |             |
|         |                            | Case tabled; Board to access and review additional relevant evidence. |   |             |
| 19-024  | Shamika Easley             | Unsustained   | Crawford, Hartman, Yennie                       |             |
| 19-026  | Abigail Figueroa           | Sustained   | Crawford, Hartman, Merkin, Yennie               | Butler      |
| 19-029  | Ebony Edwards Dahia Martin | Unsustained   |   |             |
| 19-034  | Alicia Cruz                | Unsustained   | Crawford, Hartman, Merkin, Yennie, Rea          | Butler      |
| 19-048  | Patrick H. Shannon         | Unsustained   |   |             |
| 19-052  | Ewon A. Davey              | Unsustained   |   |             |
| 19-060  | Elizabeth Caraballo        | Unsustained   |   |             |
| 19-062  | LaShaun Green              | Unsustained   | Blake, Yennie                                   |             |
| 19-069  | Melissa Dang               | Unsustained   | Crawford, Hartman                               |             |
| 19-071  | Melissa Baez               | Unsustained   | Hartman   |             |
| 19-073  | Michael Edison             |   | Crawford, Beamon, Hartman, Manning, Rea, Yennie |             |
|         |                            | Case tabled; Board to access and review additional relevant evidence. |   |             |

8) Comments & Concerns: The Chair asked if there were any comments and or concerns; Commissioner Blake reminded the Chair that a special meeting of Board or a subcommittee needed to be scheduled to plan what changes and reforms should take place to improve the Board's overall function. Commissioner Yennie suggested that the Board discuss returning to in-person meetings in the near future at 8:07 P.M.

9) The Chair made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Butler seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

**Prepared by Lorenzo Blake**