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Civilian Police Review Board Meeting (ZOOM) Minutes Meeting June 23, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Eric Crawford, Chair; Commissioner Walter Butler; Commissioner Lorenzo Blake, Secretary; Commissioner Andrea Hartman, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Victor Luna; Commissioner Hyacinth Yennie; CPRB Interim Inspector General, Beth Merkin; Sr. Assistant Corporation Counsel Jonathan Beamon; Office of Equity & Opportunity, Staff Liaison, Kimberly Taylor; Hartford Police Department, Lt. William Rea and Sergeant Leslie Saurez; New Light Investigator, Jacqueline Manning

Members of the Public: Noemi Soto, Council President, Maly Rosado and Angel Harris

Present, but left early: Commissioner Victor Luna

- 1) **Call to Order**-The Chair, Eric Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.
 - a) The Secretary, Lorenzo Blake conducted a roll call and verified that there was a quorum
- 2) **Chairman Updates**- Thank the police department for their cooperation as they work with Board and the new process. He also asked for patience from everyone as this process takes place. Understanding the Board does not meet during the Summer, the Chair asked the members to consider having a meeting in July so that the Board could reduce the backlog of outstanding cases.
- 3) **The Interim Inspector General, Beth Merkin remarks**- She updated the Board on her collaboration with IAD to implement the new process of investigating cases simultaneously. She also mentioned that during the month of July she plans to work on working on creating a new form for the intake process and educating the complainants regarding steps involving the complaint process. In addition, she will be working with Corporation Counsel, Howard Rifkin to get a pool of retired judges to participate in the arbitration process.
- 4) **New Business:** The Chair motioned the Board to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioners Butler & Hartman and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 28, 2021 and May 26, 2021 of CPRB meetings.
- 5) **Old Business:** None.
- 6) **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 who 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 discuss prior to voting on each case. Secretary will record each Commissioner's vote for the record.

Except for the allegations cited below; all others received unanimous Not Sustained from the Board

IAD No.	Complainant	Officer(s)	CPRB Vote
18-014	Wendell Baugh	Michael Francis	Administratively Closed
18-050	Wilmarie Burgos	Celso Ramos Quang Tran Jenny Garcia	Administratively Closed
18-060	Gernaro Medina	Jorge Cruz	Administratively Closed
19-006	Shatoya Oates	Jay Montrose Matthew Secore	Administratively Closed
19-013	Lamont Jolly	Brian Sullivan Patrick Even	Administratively Closed
20-042	Tyrone Jackson	Vincent George Dylan Gervais	Administratively Closed
20-044	Robert Martin	Joel Otero	Administratively Closed
20-049	Brittany Holley	Steven McCollough Dennis Moore Shelby Saleeba John Samsel	Administratively Closed
19-002	Michael Simmon	Michael Verrengia	Abstention (1) Not Sustained (4)
19-003	Shantell Ming	Ryan DeMatteo Daniella Sanzo	Daniella Sanzo – Neglect of Duty (3) Sustained (2) Not Sustained
19-009	Stephen Menyfield	Joseph Sherbo	Conduct Unbecoming an Officer (2) Sustained Discourteous Attitude (1)
19-010	Geraldo Santiago	Omar Jones Brittany Wasliewski	Civil Right Violation-Not Sustained (5) Discourteous Attitude- Not Sustained (5)
19-085	Evelyn Figueroa	Mark Gonzalez Christain Heimerdinger Tynail Johnson-Ferguson	Christain Heimerdinger – Code of Conduct Violation (4) Sustained (1) Not Sustained Tynail Johnson-Ferguson - Code of Conduct Violation (4) Sustained (1) Not Sustained; Neglect of Duty (4) Sustained (1) Not Sustained
20-027	Jacquana A. Clarke	Bartosz Kubiak	Conduct Unbecoming of an Officer (5)_ Neglect of Duty (5) Not Sustained
20-029	Alexander Nieves	Michael Carasone	Code of Conduct Violation (5) Sustained
20-032	Qiturah Walker	Katelyn Grissler Jose Rosario	Discourteous Attitude; Illegal Arrest; Neglect of Duty- Not Sustained (5)

20-038	Michael Illingworth	Paul Cohen James Dugan Robert Hathaway Luis Valdovino	Motion made to add correct officers' names to agenda. Yennie seconded. Civil Rights Violation Denial of Medical Attention Code of Conduct Violations Conduct Unbecoming of an officer Neglect of Duty Failure to Provide Medical Attention Not Sustained (5)
20-041	Aaron Brown & Desiree Walford	Kate Butler Joshua Rodriguez	Joshua Rodriguez – Discourteous Attitude (1) Sustained (4) Not Sustained Neglect of Duty (5) Sustained
20-043	Solimar Ortiz	Lauren Cox Steven Doyle Kevin Maghini David Maranelli	Kevin Maghini – Discourteous Attitude (1) Sustained (4) Not Sustained; David Maranelli - Discourteous Attitude (3) Sustained (2) Not Sustained
20-045	Anonymous (4)	John P. Cavanna	Case Tabled by Board for further deliberation of final resolution and recommendations to Chief of Police.
20-060	Breanna Canales	Luis Hernandez James Prignano	Luis Hernandez – Code of Conduct Violation (4) Sustained (1) Not Sustained; Conduct Unbecoming an Officer (1) Sustained (4) Not Sustained; Discourteous Attitude (1) Sustained (4) Not Sustained; Neglect of Duty (5) Sustained James Prignano - Code of Conduct Violation (4) Sustained (1) Not Sustained; Conduct Unbecoming an Officer (1) Sustained (4) Not Sustained; Discourteous Attitude (1) Sustained (4) Not Sustained; Neglect of Duty (4) Sustained (1) Not Sustained

- 7) **Comments & Concerns:** The Chair asked if there were any comments and or concerns. Commissioner Blake suggested that the Chair could update the rest of the Board in respect to progress and changes in Board procedures that he has achieved via meetings he has had with the Mayor, Hartford Police Department officials, The City's Corporate Counsel and other Boards. The Chair would like to send out weekly communiques. Commissioner Hartman wanted to be assured that the Board sees all the cases. Ms. Harris (member of the public) suggested that there should be video/audio footage at the Hartford Police Department for community engagement. Noemi Soto, member of the public wanted to make sure the Board is aware of the Cintron vs Vaughn settlement agreement.
- 8) The Chair made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Butler seconded the motion was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Lorenzo Blake
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