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Civilian Police Review Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held via ZOOM

May 25, 2022 Meeting minutes, 6:02 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Eric Crawford, Chair; Commissioner Andrea Hartman, Vice-Chair; Commissioner; Lorenzo Blake, Secretary; Commissioner Victor Luna; Commissioner Hyacinth Yennie; CPRB Inspector General, Liam Brennan; Assistant Corporation Counsel Jonathan Beamon; staff liaison, Kimberly Taylor; Office of Equity & Opportunity; Hartford Police Department, Lt. Brian Bowsza, Jacqueline Manning and Samantha Marsh, Independent Investigators- New Light Investigations

Absent- Commissioner Walter Butler

1) Chair, Eric Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M with a moment of silence for the victims in the Buffalo, NY; Uvalde, TX and church victims in California.

2) The Secretary, Lorenzo Blake conducted a roll call and verified that there was a quorum.

3) Chairman Crawford made a motion to accept the minute from the April 27, 2022 meeting. Commission Blake seconded. All in favor. Minutes accepted. Commissioner Crawford presented some updates for the members regarding the community friendly updates for the Office of Equity & Opportunity which should be completed by September 2022. The Board is in the process of developing a training manual.

4) **Inspector General, Liam Brennan** presented the Board his presentation. Some areas that he discussed were as follows:

Subpoenaing Evidence

- Issued 2 documents subpoena; 1 subpoena for testimony
 - 1 document subpoena returned with evidence
 - (case will be heard next month)
- 1 documents subpoena request court order
 - (currently researching how to enforce)
- Testimony subpoena- interview scheduled for Tuesday

Participating in IAD interviews

- As previously discussed, joint interviews would streamline process.
- Having been working with Police Union and Corporation Counsel to develop a MOU to cover joint interviews.

Institutionalizing & Professionalizing the Process

- Case management software
 - Went out to RFP
 - Four applicants of interest received
 - Favorite platform was lowest bidder
- Finalize contract
- Data transition

Annual Report

- Ordinance obligates annual report to Mayor and City Council
- Detailing cases, allegation and dispositions for officers with 2 or more complaints in last 12; 5 more cases in the last 10years
- No reports issued for 2019, 2020 and 2021
- All cases not reached disposition (backlog)
- Provided letter to the Mayor and Council President detailing cases and allegation for the time period covered
- Letter indicated that will provide a report when backlog is cleared and new management system is in placed

Backlog

- 6 Cases (Missing IAD Report)
- 4 Cases (CPRB Report Needed)
- 19 Cases (May Case to Hear Tonight)
- 12 Cases (Ready for Board Hearing)

Additional Institutional Work to be Done

- Need more members
- Bylaws and training need to be updated-looking to involve IG Merkin as a resource

Community Outreach

- Chairman Crawford in the near future will be going on the Stan McCauley Show and 93.7 radio station to educate the community about the City of Hartford's Civilian Police Review Board and the process

5) Board's voting results- (see [Excel Spreadsheet](#))

6) Public Comments-Member of the public asked to following question(s):

Is the proposed MOU between the Hartford Police Union and City of Hartford (via Corporation Counsel) regarding the joint interview process (IA + IG) included / codified in the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026, that was presented to the City Council May 23, 2022 for review and approval prior to June 23, 2022?

7) Motion made by Chairman Crawford seconded by Commissioner Yennie to adjourned at 8:45pm. All in favor.

8) Announcements- Next meeting will take place on June 22, 2022 at 6pm on Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted

Minutes prepared by Kimberly Taylor

Vote Results on Excel Spreadsheet prepared
by Commissioner Lorenzo Blake