



Citizen Review Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

4:00 PM

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Chair Hunt.

Motion to open the meeting made by Guzman, seconded by Nathans.

2) Roll Call of Members

Roll call: Lee Nathans, Becky Guzman, Glenn Soden, Chair Tiffany Hunt

Others in attendance: Mary Younger, Ben Kessler, Elizabeth Ellman

3) Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes from 09-21-21 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the September, 21, 2021 meeting made by Hunt, seconded by Nathans. All approved.

4) Presentations/Special Guests

5) Public Comments

6) Unfinished Business

7) New Business

A) Draft Item #6

Soden reminded members of the drafted purpose, mission statement, and six elements of governance. He encouraged members to look at other municipalities' Citizen Review Boards to find best practices which can be modeled by Bexley's board.

Mary Younger spoke about the history and practices of Columbus' Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). She explained the group's history, the online location for additional information, meeting

cadence, and the relationships between the Board, the prospective Inspector General, police officers, and the community. Younger answered questions about the process of a complaint coming to Columbus' CPRB and their powers, and Mayor Kessler reiterated the process by which a complaint comes before Bexley's CRB: after receiving an internal response, a citizen can appeal, at which point the case is brought to the CRB. Younger indicated Columbus' board will have access to all complaints.

Kessler shared there have been few formal complaints; he is finalizing an official form on which to file an appeal.

Soden discussed a lack of prioritization issues in Bexley due to the anticipated low volume of appeals. Younger stated Columbus' board will be discussing amongst themselves the time limits for reviews.

Kessler explained Bexley's policy for the retention of BPD bodycam footage.

Younger shared CPRB's training and answered questions regarding tactics, situational training, ride along, techniques and deescalation, and diversity, inclusion, and cultural competency. The Board will have four committees, one of which will be educational and will supplement the training provided thus far.

Younger indicated she will feel the CPRB is successful when both citizens and police officers know that they can receive fair treatment and justice. CPRB will have a community engagement subcommittee and will receive feedback. Other committees will include Rules and Regulations and Standards of Professionalism.

Younger shared that another function of the CPRB is to deal with policy and procedure; the CPRB will work with the FOP. She explained a citizen has 90 days from the date the case is closed to file a grievance with the CPRB.

Board members discussed their opinions about a time limit to file a complaint. Younger gave insight as to how this works in the legal system.

Kessler indicated the FOP contract does not state a time limit, but that the lapse of time will be considered a mitigating factor in evaluating the merit of the complaint.

8) **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Hunt, seconded by Nathans.

The next meeting will be held on December 21 and the meeting cadence for 2022 will be discussed. Members will bring with them an example of a CRB model they believe will work in Bexley.

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