

Bexley Citizen Review Advisory Board Minutes May 4, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Members:

Bryan Drewry, Becky Guzman, Tiffany Hunt, Lee Nathans, and Glenn Soden

Others in attendance:

Mayor Ben Kessler, Marc Fishel

Summary minutes are supplemented by a full video record of meetings. To review meeting video, please visit www.youtube.com/CityofBexley

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ben Kessler and began with introductions amongst board members and Mr. Fishel.

Mayor Kessler described the scope of this Review Board; it spans a range of allegation types across all city departments. A complaint can reach the Board after a complaint is filed, the Department conducts an investigation, provides a response, and offers the opportunity to discuss, and the complaint is appealed to the Mayor. The CRB then investigates and presents their findings to the Mayor ahead of his determination. The CRB's findings are public record.

The CRB is an appointed Board and subject to Sunshine Laws, public records laws, and ethics considerations, for which Mr. Fishel provided overviews. Mr. Fishel and Mayor Kessler answered members' questions.

Mayor Kessler, Mr. Fishel, and members discussed resources and multiple review board models.

Mayor Kessler and members discussed the organization of the Board, as per the ordinance. Tiffany Hunt volunteered to serve as Board Chair.

Motion for Tiffany Hunt to serve as Chair by Ms. Guzman, seconded by Mr. Drewry Vote 5-0 PASSED.

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Motion for Lee Nathans to serve as Vice Chair by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Soden Vote 5-0 PASSED.

Mayor Kessler explained the duties and functions of the CRB and Mr. Fishel explained some aspects of the scope. Members discussed structure and process amongst themselves; Mr. Fishel provided insight. Mayor Kessler explained how the Board may respond to a potential complaint. The Board decided to meet, for the time being, at 4:00 PM on the first and third Tuesday of each month and discussed meeting structure and other housekeeping items amongst themselves and with Mayor Kessler.

The next meeting with take place on May 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM.