



Bexley Citizen Review Advisory Board Minutes

May 18, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Members:

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

Others in attendance:

Mayor Ben Kessler

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 at 4:00 PM by Ms. Hunt.

Members discussed potential structure and process by sharing resources they have found about effective review boards, as well as the steps by which a complaint comes before the Board.

Members discussed complaints that were resolved before going to the CRB and how complaints get to the CRB. Ms. Guzman concluded there will be one written analysis from the Board with the possibility for other documents from members not in agreement with the majority consensus. The document(s) will be given to Mayor Kessler, who will use it/them when making his final determination.

Mayor Kessler indicated the group has latitude and can determine whether or not to call an emergency meeting. He also indicated Mr. Fishel can assist with a subpoena. Mayor Kessler explained the Board will review all appealed complaints.

Regarding departmental complaint review protocols, the Police Department has a structured format, whereas other departments create a narrative response; there is no City-wide complaint processing form. The CRB will receive information when a complainant is not satisfied with the departmental response to his/her complaint, and the intent of the CRB is to provide an additional, third-party response. Mayor Kessler will review the CRB's findings along with the original report from the department.

Mr. Fishel will provide the Board with information regarding union language and timelines. At a subsequent meeting, Mayor Kessler will share the operational departmental flow.

The Board determined they will review the contention between the department review and the reason the resident is pursuing an appeal. Board members discussed having a unanimous or majority conclusion. In its response, the Board will generally provide facts, an analysis, and an opinion. However, this may change in more contentious cases.

Members decided to familiarize themselves with policies.

The next meeting will cover existing infrastructure such as on-boarding, existing complaint processes, and human resources policies, and will take place in person on June 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM.