# Minutes for November 17, 2016 Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board City of Memphis

The regularly scheduled board meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled to November 17<sup>th</sup> due to the graduation of board members and staff from Citizens Police Training Academy.

## Call to Order

The meeting of the Civilian Law Enforcement Review board was formally called to order at 4:21p.m. by Chairman White.

# **Board Members Present**

Rev. Ralph White, Chair	John Marek, Esq.
Mr. Sandeep Pednekar	Mr. Dwan Gillom
Bruce Kramer, Esq	Casey Bryant, Esq.
Ms. Floridia Jackson	

# **Board Members Absent**

Corliss Shaw	Dr. David Acey
Dr. June Chinn-Joiner	Mr. Alfredo Pena
Carlissa, Shaw, Esq	Dr. James Latta
CM Worth Morgan	

#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Minutes pending for the next board meeting.

#### **Items of Discussion**

- Due to the Holiday Season, heavy travel, and vacation, Chairman White asked that the board vote on whether they should meet during the month of December. A motion was made by Attorney Bruce Kramer that the board would resume meeting in January 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandeep Pednekar.
- The board agreed that all complainants should receive a copy of their file, if requested, and the complainant should sign some form of documentation stating they (complainant) received a copy of their Inspectional Service Bureau file from the CLERB Administration.
- Complainant Paul Garner advised that Former Police Director Toney Armstrong stated there was a policy in place on filming at the time of Mr. Garner's arrest. Arthur Robinson, CLERB investigator, stated that he checked with Internal Affairs and there is no such policy in place.

- Chairman White suggested that the attorneys on the board provide policy suggestions to Director Michael Rallings regarding citizens recording the police.
- Board member Sandeep Pednekar suggested that all board members be included in the discussion of information to send to Director Rallings.
- Board member John Marek stated that the board cannot make changes to the policy; the board can only make recommendations.
- Board member Pednekar stated that all board members should have input in recommendations on all matters that are presented by the board.
- Chairman White stated in January the board will look at cases and how the board would like to proceed regarding each case.
- The board heard the testimony and watched video footage in the case of Mr. Paul Garner and vote to sustain Mr. Garner's case against the involved police officers.
- The board considered the additional information that was presented in the case of Mr. Robert Howard and the board voted not to sustain in the case of Mr. Howard. Board members Kramer and Pednekar abstained. Mr. Howard's case was originally heard in October but the board requested additional information before voting on the case at the November meeting.
- Board member Marek suggested that the administration check with IAB to see if the board can get color photos instead of black/white with future ISB files.
- The board heard its last case of the day that was supported with video footage provided by Mr. Reginald Johnson. The board voted unanimously to sustain the Johnson case against the involved officers.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman White.