

Minutes for July 13, 2017
Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board
City of Memphis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 4:17 pm.

Board Members Present:

Ralph White, Chair	Floridia Jackson
Bruce Kramer, Vice Chair	Sandeep Pednekar
Casey Bryant	David Acey
Dwan Gilliom	June Chinn-Jointer

Board Members Absent:

CM Worth Morgan	Alfredo Pena
John Marek	Carlissa Shaw

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

No motion was made to approve the June 8th minutes due to the corrections that were requested.

Items of Discussion

- a) Chairman White greeted the Board and presented Alan Crone, Special Council to Mayor Strickland and the Director of the Executive Division and CLERB. Mr. Crone, stated he came to the July board meeting for a couple of reasons. First, to thank the Board for their service on behalf of Mayor Strickland and to thank the members of the Board for the service to the City. Mr. Crone further states that the work that the Board does is very important. He thanked Board Administrator Virginia Wilson and Investigator Arthur Robinson for their work as employees of the City of Memphis. Mr. Crone thanked Chairman White and referred to Chairman Ralph White as a long-serving veteran chairman who is doing a great job.

- b) Mr. Crone, stated that the it is very important that the Board is seen at all times as neutral and not organ of the administration or an organ of anti-police.

- c) Mr. further stated that per his conversation with Investigator Arthur Robinson who visited the Atlanta Oversight Board, and he (Robinson) was told that when the Police Director has already disciplined an officer for misconduct, the Atlanta Board does not hear those cases. He (Crone) encouraged the board to make the decision whether to hear cases discipline has already be imposed. He also encouraged the board to form sub-committees.
- d) Chairman White mentioned to the board that would to start moving some of the meetings from City Hall and to other City Facilities, such as, Community Centers.
- e) Chairman White recognized the visitors from the Department of Justice; Keenon James, supervisory Specialist/Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Diane Ragans, Site-Specific Project Manager and Michael Dirton with the Department of Justice. Chairman White thanked for coming and stated that they had a very good conversation.
- f) Chairman White commented that there were three cases scheduled for the board to hear, but unfortunately none of three claimants came to the hearing. Shortly before 4:00p.m., Ms. Nikisha Birdsong called Mr. Robinson to inform him that she had a long work schedule and could not attend.
- g) Board discussed the responses to the letters (Bolden, Taylor and Johnson) from Director Rallings.
- h) Website Update by the Neely Agency - Board requested a visual presentation by the Neely Agency. Board member Casey Bryant asked for what is the completion date for the website? Mr. Johnson stated August 1st.
- i) Chairman White recognized several members in the audience including Paul Garner who is very active with CLERB. Complainant Reginald Johnson who's case was heard and sustained by the board. Mr. Johnson asked the board for help, stating several officers show up at his home and he (Johnson) feel uncomfortable. Mr. Johnson also stated that he spoke with Director Rallings about the matter. Board member Dwan Gilliom informed Mr. Johnson that he sympathized with the situation, but he (Gilliom) stated he was sure what the board could accomplished with the Director since Mr. Johnson has already spoke with the Director two times.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Casey Bryant to formally adjourn the meeting and seconded by June Chinn Jinter and formally closed by Chairman White at 5:23 pm.