

Minutes for September 14, 2017
Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board
City of Memphis

Call to Order

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

Board Members Present:

Ralph White, Chair
David Acey
Florida Jackson
June Chinn-Jointer
Dwan Gilliom
Sandeep Pednekar

Board Members Absent:

CM Worth Morgan
Alfredo Pena
John Marek
Casey Bryant

Approval of Minutes

The Board agreed to wait for Virginia Wilson, CLERB Administrator to return for the approval of the August minutes.

Items of Discussion

- a) Chairman White informed the Board that Bruce Kramer and Carlissa Shaw are no longer members of the board. Board Member Florida Jackson asked if Councilman Morgan had been removed from the Board due to his lack of attendance and Jackson further stated that she has been informed that he (CW Morgan) watches the televised CLERB Board meetings.
- b) Chairman White thanked the Board Members who were present at the September meeting.
- c) Arthur Robinson informed the Board that Virginia Wilson, CLERB Administrator was attending NACOLE (The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) Conference).
- d) **Old Business:**
 - Chairman Ralph White recapped the Board's August 19, 2017 training session with the Memphis Police Department. Board Member June Chinn-Jointer

commented on additional aspects of the training, stating she learned things at the August 19 training that were not included in the Citizen's Police Academy sessions of training. She mentioned that Board Members should keep in mind that police officers are human and sometimes make mistakes, which is why there is a CLERB Board.

Board Member David Acey stated that the training was informative and provided scenarios that show what officers are often faced with when arriving on scenes after being dispatched to investigate incidents. Acey also stated that he was impressed with the information shared with Board Members by the Legal Adviser for the Police Department.

- Chairman White gave an update on the CLERB website and stated that the website is still incomplete and behind the scheduled completion date. Chinn-Jointer stated that the Neely Group is doing a good job and that she (Chinn-Jointer) was the only Board Member who has submitted a bio and she (Chinn-Jointer) suggested that all Board Members should send their bios to the website designers in an effort to speed up the process of getting the website completed. Chinn-Jointer suggested that the website should also have a Spanish page included.
- Chinn-Jointer asked Chairman White why Attorney Kramer is no longer on the board. Chairman White stated Kramer's term had expired. Board Member Sandeep Pednekar stated he thought a term was 4 years and that a Board Member is also allowed to serve a second term if approved. Pednekar further stated that Kramer was a big asset to CLERB and suggested that the Board draft a letter to send to the Mayor requesting the Mayor grant an additional term for Kramer to serve. Chinn-Jointer seconded the motion. Chairman White stated that the Board has unanimously suggested that a formal letter be sent to the Mayor in reference to Kramer being returned to the Board. Chinn-Jointer agreed to draft the letter for the Board.
- Pednekar asked the Board about the number of vacancies on the CLERB Board and how people are appointment to the board.
- CLERB Legal Advisor, Mary Grambergs, explained the process for Board Member appointment pursuant to the bylaws. Grambergs further advised that bylaws state the Board is appointed by the Memphis City Mayor with approval of the City Council.

e) **New Business:**

- **Case # I2016** – Likisha Clark was sworn in by Chairman Ralph White. Clark thanked the Board for hearing her case and then gave testimony. She stated that on June 2, 2016, she was stopped by a police officer at Danny Thomas Street and Beale for loud music coming from a vehicle. Clark advised that she was

issued a citation for her music being too loud, but Clark stated further stated that she (Clark) would not sign the citation. She (Clark) stated that she advised the officer that her radio does not work and he may have stopped the wrong person.

Clark stated that the officer asked for her license, registration, and insurance. Clark stated she told the officer that she has a license but no insurance. Clark said she questioned the officer about why he (officer) stopped her and that the officer asked her to sign the citation. Clark stated that she dialed her boyfriend so he could listen to the conversation between her and the officer.

Clark proceeded to give her account of what transpired after she was stopped by the officer.

After Clark's testimony, Chairman White asked for the next steps the Board would like to take on the Clark case. Board Member Florida Jackson stated that there were several steps that the Board needs to take: 1) Investigator Robinson needs to get the status of the court case and ask the Complainant Clark to return next month to the October hearing.

Investigator Robinson advised that he would research the history of the two officers' files and provide the Board a copy of his findings. In addition, Robinson stated that there is no video or body cam footage for this case.

Chairman White recapped the information to be gathered by Robinson and advised that the requested information will be the first item on the October agenda. Gilliom asked Clark if her radio has been repaired since the incident. Clark stated that her radio has not been repaired because it is extremely old.

Jackson moved that the Clark case and the discussion of the requested information be the first item addressed on the agenda at the next meeting. Acey seconded the motion.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jackson and seconded by Acey. The meeting was formally adjourned by Chairman White at 5:20pm.