

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 4:13 pm.

Board Members Present:

Ralph White, Chair	Casey Bryant
June Chinn-Jointer	Dwan Gilliom
Florida Jackson	Bruce Kramer
John Marek	Sandeep Pednekar

Board Members Absent:

David Acey	James Latta
CM Worth Morgan	Alfredo Pena
Carlissa Shaw	

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Kramer and seconded by Mr. John Marek to approve the agenda and minutes from March 9, 2017.

Items of Discussion

- a) The board discussed the letters that had been sent to Police Director Rallings in regard to the recommendations made at the previous CLERB meeting.

City Attorney, Ms. Mary Grambergs, recapped her recent meeting with Dir. Rallings in which they discussed these letters. Dir. Rallings requested that they be sent via email and include more detail especially in regards to witnesses, other evidence, and specifically where CLERB feels Internal Affairs of the police department went wrong. He also expressed concern over board members' lack of training, and would like to create a training specific to the CLERB that would encompass more than the Citizen's Police Academy training does.

The board agreed that additional details would be helpful in the letters, but not all the ones that Dir. Rallings specified. The board discussed that in order to provide more detail to Dir. Rallings CLERB would need more detail from Internal Affairs. Members also agreed that it is not the purpose of the board to make recommendations to Internal

Affairs, but to the Director. The board also discussed the need for police officers interviewed by Internal Affairs to be brought in as witnesses to CLERB hearings in order to be most effective as a board.

- b) CLERB investigator, Mr. Arthur Robinson recapped his recent trip to Atlanta to learn about how their review board operates. On the request of Chairman White, Mr. Robinson agreed to put together a report on his experience with the Atlanta review board for the next board meeting.

The chairman noted that there are no longer funds in the CLERB budget for board members to go on trips to related conferences. Ms. Dabney Ring, the Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator, clarified that there are travel funds in CLERB's budget, but these only allow for board members to be reimbursed upon return as they are not city employees. The board requested a list of training opportunities and conferences relevant to CLERB to be distributed at the next meeting by CLERB administrator, Ms. Virginia Wilson.

- c) Ms. Ring discussed the election of CLERB officers which will take place at the next meeting on May 11, 2017. She read from Ordinance #5620 of the Chairman's responsibilities and term length. Members will be nominated and a vote will be taken to decide who the next year's Chairman and alternative Chair will be as well as any other positions the board wishes to have. The Chairman serves a one year term, and can only serve two consecutive terms.

d) **Mr. Marcus Walker case ISB # 1037-11**

- This case had been heard by the board previously, but no vote was taken or recommendations made.
- The board heard the testimony and viewed written and photographic evidence provided by Mr. Walker and his two witnesses, his son Mr. Marcus Walker Jr. and his nephew Mr. Christopher Retman, each sworn in by Chairman White.
- The board voted to table the case in order to give the Investigator, Mr. Robinson, time to review the evidence provided by Mr. Walker and to answer questions about the Internal Affairs report on this case. Board member Mr. John Marek requested potential footage from the dash camera on the police cars on the scene during this incident, if available.
- Board member Ms. Casey Bryant suggested the CLERB use the Garrity rule, as used by Internal Affairs, to ask police officers to testify before the board in the future and in regards to this case.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kramer and seconded by Mr. Marek. The meeting was formally adjourned by Chairman White at 5:45 pm.