

**Citizens Police Complaint Board
Meeting Minutes**

November 8, 2021 - 6:00 pm

Meeting Held in room 2248

Of the City County Building

Members Present:

Duane Ingram, Board President
Andrew Shank, Vice President
Jennifer Norton
Evan Shearin
Julie Barrett
Pastor Michael Bryant
Ashley Gurvitz

Members Absent:

Craig Cordi
Seana Murphy

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Sgt Nikole Pilkington

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Sgt Scott Carpenter
Officer David Bolling

Corporation Counsel:

Ellen Gabovitch, OCC Chief Counsel

CPCO Staff Present:

LeAnnette Pierce, CPCO Executive Director
Richard Okello, CPCO Investigator

IMPD Personnel Present:

Captain Jim Roehrig
Deputy Chief Catherine Cummings
Deputy Chief Kendale Adams (Police Merit Board)
Honorable Frank Sullivan (Police Merit Board)
Ron Mills (Police Merit Board)

Others Present:

Complainant Stephen Farris (CPCO #2021-013F)
Complainant Lawrance Gomes (CPCO #2021-016F)
Complainant Medley Byers (CPCO #2021-028F)
Officer Zane Faw (CPCO #2021-017F)
D'Ondra Gomes

Proceedings: President Duane Ingram called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Honorable Frank Sullivan: Justice Sullivan gave an overview of the Police Merit Board and their role in the disciplinary process. Deputy Chief Kendale Adams reviewed with the CPCB the changes proposed

by the Merit Board to IMPD's disciplinary procedures and policies. The Merit Board will hold a public hearing on the matter on November 30th at 5:30 p.m. in room 2248 where they will entertain comments.

Approval of the September Minutes: Jennifer Norton moved to approve the September minutes. Pastor Bryant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

OLD CASES:

President Ingram moved the old case to the top of the agenda, to be heard before the new cases.

Case CPCO# 21-013F; Stephen Farris; Detective Stephen Renzulli:

President Ingram and Ashley Gurvitz recused themselves from this case. Without discussion, Jennifer Norton moved to *not* accept the findings of Exonerated on the two allegations and to recommend a finding of sustained. Evan Shearin seconded the motion. The board voted 5 – 0 (with two abstentions) to accept that recommendation. This information will be forwarded to the police chief for further discussion.

NEW CASE REVIEW:

President Ingram assigned the cases to the members to lead the discussion.

Case CPCO# 2021-016F; Lawrance Gomes; Officer Smilko, Officer Wogan, Officer Navarro:

Mr. Gomes was present for this case and gave a brief statement as to his view of his case. None of the officers attended this meeting. Julie Barrett presented the case to the board members. After full discussion by the board, Jennifer Norton moved to endorse the recommended findings for the allegations. Michael Bryant seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to endorse the listed findings.

Case CPCO# 2021-017F; Edwood Bigot; Officer Zane Faw:

Officer Faw was present for this case but Mr. Bigot was not. Officer Faw presented his version of the events leading up to this complaint. Evan Shearin presented the case to the board members. After full discussion by the board, Mr. Shearin moved to endorse the recommended findings for the allegations. Jennifer Norton seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to endorse the listed findings.

Case CPCO# 2021-021F; Carlena Cole; Officer Adriana Gnaster:

Ms Cole did not attend this meeting and Officer Gnaster is no longer employed by IMPD. The board acknowledged the administrative review of the actions of the officer. No vote was needed or taken.

Case CPCO# 21-028F; Medley Byers; Officer Mitchele Harris, Officer Samuel Steuer:

Ms Byers was present for this case and gave a brief statement reflecting her views of the case. Neither of the officers attended this meeting. Pastor Bryant presented the case to the board. After full discussion by the board, Mr. Shearin moved to endorse the recommended findings for the allegations. Jennifer Norton seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to endorse the listed findings.

New Business:

- Next board meeting: The December meeting will be the last for Andy, Duane and Pastor Bryant.
- Training update: The board members were reminded to complete their ride alongs.
- New members: The board members were asked to submit names of individuals who they feel would be suitable as members of this board.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

Adjournment: President Ingram adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Next meeting of the CPCB will be December 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in room 2248 in the CCB.