

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Eugene Franks, Board President, called the meeting of the CRB to order at 6:36pm. Due to City restrictions on in-person meetings, the meeting was held via Zoom. The public could attend via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Eugene Franks, Chair	Present	William Bryant	Present
Tiffany Bush	Excused	Terry Burton, Vice Chair	Present (6:43)
Patrick Chandler	Present	Angelique Kidd	Present
Gerry Noll	Present	Brenda Young	Present

A quorum was present. Also in attendance via Zoom were Nicolle Barton, the Ferguson Consent Decree Coordinator; Chris Crabel, Assistant to the City Manager; Shaquan Brown, Ferguson City Admin Assistant; and Councilwoman Toni Burrow.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes as amended from the open meeting held January 10, 2022, was made by Mr. Franks, seconded by Ms. Young. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was a comment from Erica Brooks concerning the fact that the link to the Monitor's recent town Hall didn't work for her. Some discussion revealed that it was probably necessary to register for the event. Ms. Barton was asked if a recording of the Town Hall was available. Ms. Brooks also commented about a hearing on a bill in the Missouri House.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Kidd informed the board that she had represented the board on a police hiring panel on Feb. 7. Mr. Chandler informed the board that he had represented the board on three police hiring panels in January: the 18th, 25th, and 28th. Both members have forwarded the names of the candidates who were interviewed to Mr. Noll, the board secretary.

Ms. Barton reviewed the names of recent officer hires which have previously been announced during open meetings, and announced that the most recent hire is Officer Ron Fields. Mr. Noll mistakenly stated that Ms. Young had served on Officer Fields' interview panel, but on checking his records confirmed that he was actually the board member who served on Officer Fields' interview panel.

It was confirmed for Ms. Young that she had served on the hiring panel of the officer who is the subject of the current complaint that the board is reviewing and that she will need to recuse herself from the complaint.

The board discussed who would represent the board on future police hiring panels:

- February: Primary – Ms. Kidd; Alternate – Ms. Young
- March: Primary – Mr. Franks; Alternate – Mr. Noll
- April: Primary – Ms. Kidd; Alternate – Ms. Young
- May: Primary – Mr. Burton; Alternate – Ms. Kidd
- June: Primary – Mr. Bryant; Alternate – Mr. Noll

Ms. Barton reported that she was reviewing a Sunshine request for demographics (age, race, gender) on old complaints. She wasn't sure if this was the same as request 19-128 which the CRB had previ-

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ously submitted. Mr. Franks. Councilwoman Burrow said she would talk with the City Manager about the Board's ongoing quest to review old complaints.

Mr. Franks stated that, per the City Manager, the Board can now meet in closed session again. The Board decided to meet in closed session on Monday, February 21, at 5:30pm.

A motion to ratify the decisions made in closed session by the Ferguson Civilian Review Board ("the Board") concerning their review of complaint investigations conducted by the Ferguson Police Department ("the FPD") on complaint **20-001** was made by Mr. Noll, seconded by Ms. Kidd.

1. Concerning allegation A, the board agrees with the FPD disposition of **not sustained**.
2. Concerning allegation B, the board agrees with the FPD disposition of **unfounded**.
3. Concerning allegation C, the board agrees with the FPD disposition of **sustained**.
4. The board agrees with the FPD recommendation of counseling along with a notation added to the disciplinary files reflecting the date of the incident and complaint.
5. The board further notes that the complaint investigation contained no written statement from the officer involved; there were no interviews of any other officers who were on the scene; and that some statements on the report were not objective and could be subject to interpretation, specifically the statement on page 2 of Officer/Incident Report #19-04618 which stated, "[Complainant] advised that the money was the only thing missing, despite several laptop computers inside the residence and an iPad laying in a chair next to the purse."

Unanimous vote taken in favor, 7-0. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Franks announced that the Board would hold a virtual town hall on March 15 from 6:30-8:00m. Mr. Crabel will setup a Zoom ID for the meeting. Mr. Noll will create and distribute a flyer for the event.

Mr. Franks requested that Ms. Barton setup a call with the City Manager to discuss the recording of training for new CRB members. Ms. Young asked Councilwoman Burrow about the boards and commissions application process and Councilwoman Burrow said she would get back with us.

Ms. Barton reported that the forms developed by AH Datalytics were being finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Noll, to approve the release of all FPD body cam footage of the Dec. 12 shooting incident that was reviewed by the CRB, subject to the family's approval. Unanimous vote taken in favor, 7-0. **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Bryant, to watch the 3.5 hours of FPD body cam footage of the January 26 shooting incident by St. Louis City officers, and submit followup Q&A to FPD. Unanimous vote taken in favor, 7-0. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Franks requested another call with the DOJ and Chief McCall to go over the MOU between the FPD and the Board. Ms. Barton stated that Chief McCall needs to review the MOU since he was not a part of the original discussions (Chief Armstrong was).

Mr. Noll reported about the 2020 Annual Report. It will be published by the end of March and will use crime data from the Missouri Highway Patrol site because it is timelier than data from the FBI site. He asked Board members to submit any changes to their bios by early March so the changes could be incorporated. Ms. Kidd will submit her bio and schedule a time for a picture to be taken.

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Mr. Noll outlined a project to update the Board's pages on the City of Ferguson website. The next step is to submit draft changes to the City so that a test version of the new pages can be prepared for the Board to review. Mr. Crabel will let us know how much lead time the web architects needs in order to setup the test pages.

Mr. Franks requested from Ms. Barton a list of 2021 Use of Force incidents, similar to what has been supplied to the Board previously. Mr. Noll asked that the list include demographic data (age, race, gender) for each incident.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Kidd asked about access to applications to be on the Board and about the letter that was written to the City Council about it. Councilwoman Burrow said that the Council had discussed it. This led to a discussion that letters sent to the Council on behalf of the Board should copy the entire Council.

Mr. Franks requested that the Board meet at 6:00pm, instead of the usual 6:30pm, for the next meeting so that the draft changes to the Board pages could be reviewed at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Ms. Young, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

The next open meeting is March 7, 2021, at 6:00pm

ATTEST:

Gerry Noll

Gerry Noll, Board Secretary

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Eugene Franks, Board Chair