

**CITO OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI  
CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Eugene Franks, Board President, called the meeting of the CRB to order at 6:30pm. Due to City restrictions on in-person meetings, the meeting was held via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL**

Eugene Franks, Chair	Present	William Bryant	Present
Tiffany Bush, Vice Chair	Excused	Terry Burton	Present
Patrick Chandler	Present	Ricky George	Present
Gerry Noll	Present	Brenda Young	Present

A quorum was declared. Also present was Consent Decree Coordinator Nicole Barton, Assistant to the City Manager Chris Crabel, and Councilwoman Toni Burrow.

**MINUTES**

The board reviewed the open meeting minutes from August 3, 2020. Motion to approve made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Bryant. **MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No members of the public who attended the Zoom meeting offered any comments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ms. Barton reported on the status of obtaining a Use of Force report for review by the FCRB. With FPD resources stretched thin, she will generate the report herself and will have the list available by the next meeting. The board confirmed that the report should be in the same format as the one supplied to the board last year.

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”) was made by Mr. Noll, seconded by Ms. Young.

- 1) On complaint 19-001, the Board agrees with the FPD disposition of unfounded.
- 2) On complaint 19-002, the Board agrees with the FPD disposition of unfounded.
- 3) On complaint 19-003, the Board agrees with the FPD disposition of unfounded.
- 4) On complaint 19-004, the Board disagrees with the FPD disposition of unfounded. A recommendation will follow after review of officer disciplinary files.
- 5) On complaint 19-005, the Board agrees with the FPD disposition of sustained and agrees with the FPD recommendation for officer discipline and training. The Board further recommends that:
  - i) the training complies with the requirements of the Consent Decree
  - ii) a certificate of completion be placed in the Board files at City Hall
- 6) On complaint 19-006, the Board disagrees with the FPD disposition of not sustained. The Board further recommends that:
  - i) the officer receive discipline
  - ii) a script for non-emergency calls be created and placed at the dispatcher desk(s)
  - iii) roll call training be given to all officers on the non-emergency call script
  - iv) non-emergency calls be recorded and kept for the same time period as emergency calls
- 7) On complaint 20-005, the Board closes the complaint with successful mediation.

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Mr. Franks stated that a supplemental report should be put together to report to the public the decisions made on 2019 complaints.

Board attendance at Roll Call Training was discussed. Ms. Barton stated that Mr. Franks as board chair should make a request in writing to Chief of Police Armstrong about the board's desire to attend this training.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Noll reported on the sub-committee's review of the CRB/FPD Memorandum of Understanding. He highlighted some of the changes that had been made and the work that still needed to be done. Ms. Barton asked that a draft be ready for the next meeting so that it could be reviewed by the board and then taken to the DOJ for review.

Mr. Franks encouraged all board members to take the time to review the Community Engagement Plan.

The board discussed the NACOLE annual conference. The conference is being held virtually, with daily webinars that are also recorded for later viewing.

- Mr. Franks mentioned that all of the board officers, plus Mr. Chandler, Ms. Young, and Councilwoman Burrow, were attending the daily webinars. He suggested that 2 or 3 of the webinars be chosen for later viewing by the public starting in November.
- Mr. Noll pointed out that recordings of the webinars will only be available until December 31.
- Councilwoman Burrow stated that she is working on a plan to hold Town Hall meetings during which recorded webinars can be shown.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The following Board members are available to serve on officer hiring/promotion panels for the months of October, November, and December:

- Primary: Mr. George
- Alternate: Mr. Bryant
- Once Mr. George serves, Mr. Bryant will move up to Primary; Mr. Burton will become Alternate.
- One Mr. Bryant serves, Mr. Burton will move up to Primary

Mr. Franks served on an officer hiring panel on August 18.

Councilwoman Burrow reported that the City Council is working on making an appointment to the open position on the board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Burton, to go into closed session at 7:15 p.m. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next open meeting is October 5, 2020

ATTEST:

Gerry Noll

Gerry Noll, Board Secretary

*Eugene Franks*

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Eugene Franks, Board Chair