

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI**  
**CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 5, 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**

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| Eugene Franks, Chair     | Present | William Bryant | Present |
| Tiffany Bush, Vice Chair | Present | 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, Councilwoman Toni Burrow, and Chief of Police Jason Armstrong.

**MINUTES**

The board reviewed the open meeting minutes from September 14, 2020. Motion to approve made by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Burton. **MOTION PASSED**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The agenda item of Status of Use of Force Review was postponed until after complaint reviews have been completed.

Mr. Franks reported on complainants that he had contacted to tell them that the CRB had received their complaint file for review or had completed the review. Some concerns were expressed to him about the FPD contacting complainants.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. George reported that the next Citizen Police Panel is scheduled for 3pm on either Oct. 8 or 9. Mr. Noll stated that Mary Simmons, the FPD Chief of Police's Administrative Assistant was requested to compile a list of officers and any FCRB member who served on their hiring panel.

A short discussion was held with Chief Armstrong in order to clarify the policy on releasing officer disciplinary records to the FCRB during their review of complaints. The Chief and the FCRB agreed that an officer's disciplinary records would be brought by FPD staff to closed meetings during which the FCRB planned to review a complaint involving the officer. The staff person would release the records for review by the FCRB only after a finding on the complaint had been made and an email notification about the finding had been forwarded to the Chief.

Mr. Noll led the board in a detailed discussion of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FPD and the FCRB. Every provision was reviewed and Mr. Franks edited the document during the discussion. Mr. Franks stated at the end of the discussion that he would forward the edited MOU draft to each board member for final review and approval. After board approval it will be sent to the FPD and DOJ for their review.

Ms. Barton reported that a Use of Force report is ready for review by the FCRB. She will check to see whether it is acceptable to email the report to board members.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilwoman Burrow mentioned that it would be a good idea to schedule a town hall meeting to show a webinar recording from the recent NACOLE annual conference. When it was pointed out that the webinars will only be available until December 31, Ms. Barton said that NACOLE is working on extending the deadline to view webinar recordings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Bryant, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next open meeting is November 2, 2020

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*Eugene Franks*  
Eugene Franks, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Gerry Noll

Gerry Noll, Board Secretary