

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2021**

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	Excused
Tiffany Bush	Present	Terry Burton, Vice Chair	Present
Patrick Chandler	Present	Angelique Kidd	Present
Gerry Noll	Excused	Brenda Young	Present

A quorum was present. Also in attendance via Zoom were Nicolle Barton, the Ferguson Consent Decree Coordinator, and Shaquan Brown, City Administrative Assistant.

MINUTES

There were no minutes available from the open meeting on October 4, 2021. They will be reviewed at the next open meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

TraVonne Walker asked where to get information about community and policing events. Mr. Franks referred him to the City website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No board members had attended any police hiring panels since the last meeting. Ms. Barton confirmed that FPD recently hired Officer George Vargas. Ms. Young stated that she had been a member of his hiring panel. Mr. Franks requested that it be confirmed before the next meeting whether any other CRB members were on Officer Vargas' hiring panel.

Without the benefit of minutes from the October 4 meeting, the board revisited the question of who would represent the board on future police hiring panels:

- November: Primary – Mr. Chandler; Alternate – Ms. Bush
- December: Primary – Mr. Franks; Alternate – Ms. Kidd

Ms. Barton advised that the City Manager is aware of the issues surrounding the CRB request to gather statistics from old complaints and that any response to the request should come from him. Mr. Franks stated that the CRB request was approved by the City Council and that if the City Manager or FPD were not able to comply with the request they should go to the City Council and explain it. Mr. Franks also indicated that he will write a letter to the Council outlining the issues.

There were no decisions on complaints to ratify but the board is waiting on the discipline records for complaint **20-001** and will review those records at the next closed meeting, scheduled for Nov. 15.

Mr. Franks requested that the three board members who attended sessions of the NACOLE virtual annual conference think about holding a town hall, possibly in January or February, to present some of the topics to the public. He asked that they think about which topics to share with the public. Ms. Barton will confirm how long the annual conference material will be available.

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The board discussed possible topics and options for community meetings.

- Presentation by AH Datalytics
- Recordings of CRB new member training
- Could be presented at town halls, at regular meetings, posted on website
- Meetings could be used to recruit new members

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed efforts to recruit new members:

- Mention need for new members at status hearings, City Council meetings, in the community newspaper, etc.
- Ms. Young to take lead on writing up something and sending to Ms. Barton for publication
- Letters and public comments should also be given at the next city Council meeting
- Mr. Franks will verify the date of the next Council meeting

MISCELLANEOUS

A few miscellaneous questions came up about unexpired terms for CRB members. Mr. Franks will get answers to the questions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Chandler, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

The next open meeting is December 6, 2021, at 6:30pm

ATTEST:

Gerry Noll

Gerry Noll, Board Secretary

Eugene franks

Eugene Franks, Board Chair