

CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 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	Present
Tiffany Bush	Absent	Terry Burton, Vice Chair	Absent
Patrick Chandler	Present	Angelique Kidd	Present
Gerry Noll	Present	Brenda Young	Present

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

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the open meeting held October 4, 2021, was made by Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Kidd. **MOTION PASSED**.

A motion to approve the minutes from the open meeting held November 1, 2021, was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Noll. **MOTION PASSED**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Noll informed the board that he had represented the board on a police hiring panel on Dec. 3. Mr. Franks volunteered to take the next hiring panel in December if needed.

Ms. Barton confirmed that an email will be sent to the board whenever a new officer is hired, along with the name(s) of the board member(s) who sat on the new officer's hiring panel.

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

- January: Primary – Mr. Chandler; Alternate – Mr. Bryant
- February: Primary – Ms. Kidd; Alternate – Ms. Young
- March: Primary – Mr. Franks; Alternate – none chosen; will be revisited at next meeting

There were no updates on the board's request to gather statistics from old complaints.

Ms. Young will work on a list of possible NACOLE Annual Conference sessions to present to the public in a town hall meeting. Ms. Barton will confirm by email to Mr. Franks on how long the annual conference material will be available for review.

Future training sessions for new board members was discussed. Ms. Barton confirmed that no previous sessions had been recorded. Councilwoman Burrow will check about any legal issues with recording the training sessions which he conducts.

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NEW BUSINESS

FPD's draft Strip and Body Cavity Search policy is available for review and public comment until Dec. 20. Mr. Noll uploaded the policy to Google Docs so the board can collaborate on its review and make comments. The link to the shared document will be emailed to each board member and a printed copy will be provided to Mr. Bryant. Mr. Franks asked each member to complete their review and comments by Dec. 15 so that the board's comments can be assembled and submitted to the FPD/DOJ/monitor by the deadline.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilwoman Burrow mentioned again that she is able to recruit a practicum student to help with any tasks that the board needs help with.

The board discussed the need to regularly appear before the City Council, one or possibly two times per year. Being on City Council agenda in early May will allow the board to inform newly-elected council members about the board's work, report on their Annual Report, which is usually issued in late March/early April, and remind the council about the need for appointing new members by July 1. Councilwoman Burrow will followup.

As the newest board member, when asked for feedback about what could be improved in the process of bringing a new member onto the board, Ms. Kidd mentioned three things that could be improved:

1. Better organization of the binders in which complaint information is filed for each board member will make it easier for new members to get up to speed.
2. The hours when the binders are available need to be expanded to accommodate board members who can't visit City Hall during regular business hours.
3. Correspondence showing the completion of complaints needs to be part of the binders.

Ms. Barton said that she would be traveling starting Friday and requested that Mr. Franks let her know by Wednesday what would be needed for the closed meeting scheduled for Dec. 13. She also asked that Shaquan Brown be notified about the meeting so he would be available in a support role.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Ms. Kidd, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

The next open meeting is January 10, 2021, at 6:30pm

ATTEST:

Gerry Noll

Gerry Noll, Board Secretary

Eugene Franks
Eugene Franks, Board Chair

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