

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Eugene Franks, Board President, called the meeting of the CRB to order at 6:33pm. 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	Absent
Tiffany Bush	Present	Terry Burton, Vice Chair	Present
Patrick Chandler	Present	Angelique Kidd	Excused
Gerry Noll	Present	Brenda Young	Absent

A quorum was present. Also in attendance via Zoom were 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 December 6, 2021, was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Chandler. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was a comment from Matt Ampleman introducing himself and expressing his interest in being on the Ferguson Civilian Review Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Noll informed the board that he had represented the board on a police hiring panel on Dec. 16. Mr. Franks informed the board that he had represented the board on a police hiring panel on Dec. 29 and that he will forward to Mr. Noll the name of the candidate that was interviewed.

Mr. Noll announced that he had seen on Facebook posts that two new officers had been hired, and Ms. Barton confirmed the hirings: Officers Stelzer and Numan. Ms. Barton will followup and make sure that Shahidah Siraaj, Chief McCall's Executive Assistant, informs the board about new hires by using a group email.

Mr. Noll reported that Ms. Young served on the hiring panels for both new officers. He also reported that Ms. Young 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. Mr. Franks confirmed that a member can attend closed sessions but cannot participate in the discussion or voting on any complaint from which they have recused themselves.

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

While reviewing the status of complaints, Mr. Franks asked Mr. Noll to pick up and deliver a letter to Chief McCall with the FCRB findings on complaint **20-001**. He also announced that the City has temporarily canceled all in-person meetings, due to the spread of COVID, so there will be no closed FCRB meetings until further notice.

Mr. Franks reported that Ms. Young has decided which NACOLE Annual Conference session she will be presenting to the public in a town hall meeting. Ms. Barton confirmed that the annual conference material will be available for review until March 31. Mr. Franks said that a date in mid-March for the town hall will be decided at the next board meeting, and requested that Chris Crabel work with the board to setup a Zoom session for the town hall.

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Ms. Barton confirmed that City Attorney Apollo Carey is o.k. with recording future training sessions of new FCRB members.

Ms. Barton reported that AH Datalytics is currently finishing up work on forms for gathering Use of Force and Stops data, and that they would soon be working on the reports that can be generated from this data. Mr. Noll expressed the opinion that it would be better for the board to know what data is being captured on the forms right now, instead of waiting to see it later on reports. Ms. Barton will make sure the board has a list of the data fields that are being captured on the forms.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Noll reviewed a few suggestions he had for how to rearrange the board's complaint binders and for how to have extended hours for the board to access their binders. Ms. Barton will review the suggestions for extended hours and advise the board on what is possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

A date in early or mid-May would work best for the board to report to the City Council. This will allow the board to inform newly-elected council members about the board's work, report on their Annual Report, and remind the council about the need for appointing new members by July 1.

Mr. Franks announced that there is a Consent Decree hearing on Thursday, Jan. 20, and that he will be writing a letter to Judge Perry prior to the hearing, expressing the board's concerns with the way FPD has handled old complaint data and FCRB access to serious incident body cam footage. He will circulate the letter to the board at the end of the week so it can be reviewed by the board and submitted before the deadline (5pm, Tuesday, Jan. 18).

Mr. Chandler discussed why he felt it was important to pro-actively update the FPD/FCRB complaint form to include gender identity options that are more consistent with the current culture. The board had no objections to this. Mr. Chandler will send a note to Ms. Barton, copying the board, with the changes he would like to see.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Burton, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

The next open meeting is February 7, 2021, at 6:30pm

ATTEST:

Gerry Noll

Gerry Noll, Board Secretary

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Eugene Franks, Board Chair

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