



CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

June 5th, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

MEMBERS

Brandon Brown, Chair
Kenneth Mountcastle, Vice Chair
Diana Cyganovich
David Gatian
Chenoa Miller
Edwin Moore
Billy Sharp
Waverly Willis

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Michael Hess, Interim Administrator
Jessyca Watson, General Manager
Art Bowker, Senior Investigator
Allison Davis, Investigator
LJ Green, Investigator
Lanie Koneig, Investigator
Tammi Lanpkin, Investigator
Samantha Montanez, Community Engagement Officer
Kevin Wynne, Investigator

LEGAL COUNSEL

Dalya Oprian, Asst. Director of Law

SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Brandon Brown, Chair

1. Chair Brown called June 5th, 2026 meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. EST.
2. Roll Call
 - a. Board Member Glenn Parker III had an excused absence.
 - b. Board Member Billy Sharp joined 12:04 p.m.
 - c. Board Member Chenoa Miller arrived at 12:08 p.m. arrived after roll, joining during executive session.

II. Executive Session

Brandon Brown, Chair

Motion: To enter Executive Session. Inviting in ADL Oprian, Interim Admin Hess, and General Manager Watson.

Motion By: Chair Brown

Seconded By: Moore

Roll Call Vote - Motion Status: Carried



- Executive Session began 12:05 p.m. EST.
- Open Session resumed 12:25 p.m. EST.

III. New Business

Brandon Brown, Chair

- **OPS 2024-0204 Chief's Departure**

Board Deliberation Summary:

- **Case overview:** The Board reviewed its findings alongside the Internal Affairs investigation and the Chief Director of Public Safety's departure letter, which proposed merging duplicative specifications and downgrading several group level classifications.
- **Duplication of specifications:** Members agreed IA and CPRB had overlapping specifications; the Board accepted that merging duplicative items (Specs 10–16 into Specs 2–8) was appropriate for administrative clarity.
- **Group level classifications (primary dispute):**
 - The Chief recommended downgrading several CPRB Group II findings to Group I and reducing the CPRB's Group III unauthorized pursuit finding to Group I.
 - Board members debated whether aggravating circumstances — notably the fatality and a pattern of repeated WCS nonactivation — justified the Board's higher classifications. Some members emphasized that aggravating factors could elevate baseline Group I offenses.
- **Causation and disengagement:** The Board examined whether the officer's unauthorized pursuit was a proximate cause of the fatal crash. Key facts discussed: the officer reportedly disengaged before the collision; the distance from attempted stop to crash was ~1.07 miles; officer reached ~71 mph; crash speed estimated ~52 mph. Members disagreed on whether the short time/distance between disengagement and collision broke the causal chain.
- **Pattern of WCS failures:** Several members stressed a repeated pattern of failing to activate body-worn cameras that supported elevating WCS violations above the baseline Group I classification.
- **Disciplinary consequences and timing:** Members considered the Chief's proposed five-day unpaid suspension (maximum for Group I) and noted practical effects of maintaining



higher group levels (higher minimum suspensions, impact on personnel records and promotions). The Board also noted CBA time constraints requiring a prompt response.

Motion: Appeal the Chief's Departure and maintain the Board's original group-level classifications for all sustained specifications while merging duplicative IA specifications #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, and #16 merge into #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 respectively.

Motion By: Gatian

Seconded By: Moore

Motion Status: Carried

Additional Information to note:

- ***Draft findings letter:*** CPRB Administrative Assistant to prepare the amended findings letter and have it ready by **Monday afternoon** for Chair Brown's signature.
- ***Chair signature and submission:*** Chair Brandon Brown will sign the letter on **Monday** and arrange delivery to the Director's Office before close of business that day.
- ***Response deadline:*** Ensure the Board's formal response is provided to the Safety Director by the **June 6** deadline (with final decision by **June 9** as noted).
- ***Administrative coordination:*** ADL Dalya Oprian to confirm timelines with the Director's Office and coordinate delivery; CPRB staff to finalize and circulate the signed document.

IV. Public Comment

Brandon Brown, Chair

- No individuals were present for public comment.

V. Adjournment

Brandon Brown, Chair

Motion: To Adjourn June 9th CPRB Meeting

Motion By: Chair Brown

Seconded By: Sharp

Motion Status: Carried

- The June 5th CPRB Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. EST.
- The next CPRB Meeting will be held in-person located at Cleveland City Hall, 601 E Lakeside Ave, Suite 514, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 scheduled for June 9th, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. EST.