

Civilian Police Review Board Agenda

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025

Brandon Brown, Chair
Kristen Traxler, Interim Administrator
Civilian Police Review Board &
Office of Professional Standards

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MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

The Civilian Police Review Board will hold a public meeting at the following date and time:

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 at 0915 am

THS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT CLEVELAND CITY HALL
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 514

You can view the meeting via YouTube:

https/www.youtube.com/channel/UCjvji5gYnraY74Emrj6N5wg

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MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

• Roll Call

Brandon Brown

Chair

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 30th Agenda
- April 30th Minutes
- August 12th Minutes

CPRB

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

• Citizens who intend on making a public comment are afforded 3 minutes to do so

Brandon Brown

Chair

IV. PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS WITH CITIZENS OR CDP SUBJECT EMPLOYEE PRESENT

- Complainants are afforded 4 minutes to make a statement after the case has been presented to the CPRR
- CDP subject employees are afforded 4 minutes to make a statement after the case has been presented to the CPRB

Kristen Traxler Interim Administrator

V. PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

- Departures
- New Cases

Kristen Traxler

Interim Administrator

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion for executive session for personnel, employment and discipline matters will be considered
 - i. OPS Dashboard Update
- Vote to adjourn back into open session

CPRB

VII. OPS STATUS REPORT

- Month of July
 - i. 22 New Complaints
 - ii. 3 Dismissals
- Month of August
 - i. 22 New Complaints
 - ii. 11 Dismissals

Kristen Traxler

Interim Administrator

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

• Administrator Job Posting

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Voting Motions:
 - i. Discontinue In-Person Live Stream
 - ii. OPS Dashboard
 - iii. OPS Office Hours Update
 - iv. Hearing Cancellation Notifications
 - v. General Manager of Administrative Services Role
- NACOLE Registrations complete and booked

X. ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth Mountcastle

Vice Chair

Brandon Brown

Chair

PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

Tabled Cases and/or Board Requests

LAST	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION	CPRB DISPOSITION
HEARD					
N/A					

New Cases

#	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION	CPRB DISPOSITION
					(Officers listed Alphabetically)
1	2022-0281	Stephon Vernet- Vancol	Green	Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPO 2.01.03)	P.O. Karen Dotson #1041 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPO 2.01.03) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion:
					Second: Motion Status: P.O. Brian Fixler, #1360
					Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPO 2.01.03) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
					P.O. Stephen Johnson #305 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPO 2.01.03) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED – CDP SEPARATED 12/21/2023 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
					P.O. Jessica Ortiz #2178 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPO 2.01.03) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
					P.O Connor Semonin #1891 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPO 2.01.03) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion:

				Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rule 5.02, 5.08)	Second: Motion Status: P.O. Karen Dotson #1041 Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rule 5.02, 5.08) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Brian Fixler, #1360 Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rule 5.02, 5.08) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Stephen Johnson #305 Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rule 5.02, 5.08) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED – CDP SEPARATED 12/21/2023 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Jessica Ortiz #2178 Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rule 5.02, 5.08) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Connor Semonin #1891 Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rule 5.02, 5.08) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED
2	2024-0291	Aja Yearby	Green	Allegation A:	CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: Det. Timothy S. Cramer, #346
	2024-0271	Aja Teatby	Green	Ансуанон А.	Allegation A: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service

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				Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (Manual Rules 4.18)	(Manual Rules 4.18) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
3	2024-0269	Keisha Mccain	Watson	Allegation A: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (Manual Rules 4.18)	Sgt. Christopher Hoover, #9235 Allegation A: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (Manual Rules 4.18) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
					P.O. David William Myers, #2297 Allegation A: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (Manual Rules 4.18) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
				Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rules 5.08, 5.09)	Sgt. Christopher Hoover, #9235 Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rules 5.08, 5.09) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
					P.O. David William Myers, #2297 Allegation B: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rules 5.08, 5.09) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
				Allegation C: Biased Policing (GPO 1.07.08)	Sgt. Christopher Hoover, #9235 Allegation C: Biased Policing (GPO 1.07.08) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
				Allegation D: Harassment (GPO 1.07.07)	Sgt. Christopher Hoover, #9235 Allegation D: Harassment (GPO 1.07.07)

				Allegation E: WCS Violation (GPO 4.06.04)	OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. David William Myers, #2297 Allegation E: WCS Violation (GPO 4.06.04) (Manual Rules 5.08, 5.09) OPS Recommendation: SUSTAINED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
4	2022-0272	Nija VanDer Horst	Szymanski	Allegation A: Improper Procedure: Stop (GPO 2.02.01, 2.02.05)	P.O. Christopher Bush, #220 Allegation A: Improper Procedure: Stop (GPO 2.02.01, 2.02.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Steven Schmitz, #1875 Allegation A: Improper Procedure: Stop (GPO 2.02.01, 2.02.05) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED - CDP SEPARATED 7/3/2025 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
				Allegation B: Improper Procedure (GPO 2.02.01, ORC 2923.163) Allegation C:	P.O. Christopher Bush, #220 Allegation B: Improper Procedure (GPO 2.02.01, ORC 2923.163) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Steven Schmitz, #1875 Allegation B: Improper Procedure (GPO 2.02.01, ORC 2923.163) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED - CDP SEPARATED 7/3/2025 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Christopher Bush, #220
				Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct	Allegation C: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

				(Manual Rules 5.01, 5.09)	(Manual Rules 5.01, 5.09) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Steven Schmitz, #1875 Allegation C: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rules 5.01, 5.09) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED - CDP SEPARATED 7/3/2025 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
5	2022-0182	Quartiz Long	Ouk	Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05)	P.O. Kirstein Beringuel, #691 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Robert Bjekic, #693 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Claire Fredriks, #562 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Connor Lynch, #265 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Connor Lynch, #265 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Jamieson Ritter, #1176 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05)

			OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED – CDP SEPARATED 07/04/2024
			CPRB Motion:
			Second: Motion Status:
			P.O. Jonnatan Sanchez, #966 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
			P.O. Jonathon Selleny, #1873 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
			Sgt. Saladin Sudberry, #9244 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED – CDP SEPARATED 01/08/2024 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
			P.O. Brittany Vajusi, #16 Allegation A: Excessive Force (GPOs 2.01.03, 2.01.05) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
		Allegation B: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (GPO 3.2.01)	P.O. Kirstein Beringuel, #691 Allegation B: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
			P.O. Robert Bjekic, #693

Allegation B: Lack of Service: **Insufficient Service** (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Claire Fredriks, #562 Allegation B: Lack of Service: **Insufficient Service** (GPO 3.2.01) **OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED** CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Connor Lynch, #265 Allegation B: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Jamieson Ritter, #1176 Allegation B: Lack of Service: **Insufficient Service** (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED -CDP SEPARATED 07/04/2024 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Jonnatan Sanchez, #966 Allegation B: Lack of Service: **Insufficient Service** (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Jonathon Selleny, #1873 Allegation B: Lack of Service: **Insufficient Service** (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion:

6	2023-0213	Adacia Douglas	Ouk	Allegation A:	Second: Motion Status: Sgt. Saladin Sudberry, #9244 Allegation B: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: ADMINISTRATIVELY DISMISSED – CDP SEPARATED 01/08/2024 CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Brittany Vajusi, #16 Allegation B: Lack of Service: Insufficient Service (GPO 3.2.01) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: Sgt. Stephen Beitel, #9014
				Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rules 5.01, 5.08, 5.09)	Allegation A: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rules 5.01, 5.08, 5.09) OPS Recommendation: INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE
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	Lack of Service:	Allegation B: Lack of Service: No
	No Service	Service
	(Manual Rules	(Manual Rules 5.01, 5.08, 5.09)
	5.01, 5.08, 5.09)	OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED
		CPRB Motion:
		Second:
		Motion Status:
		P.O. Cassandra Grace, #229
		Allegation B: Lack of Service: No
		Service
		(Manual Rules 5.01, 5.08, 5.09)
		OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED
		CPRB Motion:
		Second:
		Motion Status:
	Allegation C:	Sgt. Stephen Beitel, #9014
	Excessive Force	Allegation C: Excessive Force
	(Manual Rules	(Manual Rules 4.05, GPO 2.01.01)
	4.05, GPO	OPS Recommendation: INSUFFICIENT
	2.01.01)	EVIDENCE
		CPRB Motion:
		Second:
		Motion Status:
	Allegation D:	Sgt. Carma Crosby, #9316
	Improper	Allegation D: Improper Procedure:
	Procedure: Arrest	Arrest
	(GPO 3.4.01)	(GPO 3.4.01)
		OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED
		CPRB Motion:
		Second:
		Motion Status:
		P.O. Elvert Jordan, #230
		Allegation D: Improper Procedure:
		Arrest
		(GPO 3.4.01)
		OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED
		CPRB Motion:
		Second:
		Motion Status:
	Allegation E:	Sgt. Carma Crosby, #9316
	Lack of Service	Allegation E: Lack of Service
	(Manual Rules	(Manual Rules 4.11, 4.18)
	4.11, 4.18)	OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED
		CPRB Motion:
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		Second: Motion Status:

7	2024-0279	Sharon	Lampkin	Allegation A:	P.O. Joseph Fitchwell, #134
	2024-0279	Drummonds	Lапркп	Biased Policing (GPO V. 5.11P)	Allegation A: Biased Policing (GPO V. 5.11P) OPS Recommendation: INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status: P.O. Neil Pesta, #981
					Allegation A: Biased Policing (GPO V. 5.11P) OPS Recommendation: INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
				Allegation B: Lack of Service (GPO 3.01.01, 4.80)	P.O. Joseph Fitchwell, #134 Allegation B: Lack of Service (GPO 3.01.01, 4.80) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
					P.O. Neil Pesta, #981 Allegation B: Lack of Service (GPO 3.01.01, 4.80) OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
8	2024-0289	Sharon Drummonds	Lampkin	Allegation A: Lack of Service (Manual Rule 4.11)	P.O. Aaron Thompson, #511 Allegation A: Lack of Service (Manual Rule 4.11) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
				Allegation B: Biased Policing (Manual Rules 5.08, 5.09, 5.11)	P.O. Aaron Thompson, #511 Allegation B: Biased Policing (Manual Rules 5.08, 5.09, 5.11) OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED CPRB Motion: Second: Motion Status:
9	2024-0300	Terry McGrady	Lampkin	Allegation A: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct	Sgt. Albert Oliver, #9220 Allegation A: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct (Manual Rules 3.02, 5.01, 5.09)

				(Manual Rules	OPS Recommendation: UNFOUNDED
				3.02, 5.01, 5.09)	CPRB Motion:
					Second:
					Motion Status:
10	2022-0185	Skye Hawkins	Green	Allegation A:	P.O. Deonte White, #437
				Unprofessional	Allegation A: Unprofessional
				Behavior/Conduct	Behavior/Conduct
				(Manual Rules	(Manual Rules 5.01)
				4.19, 9.05, GPO	OPS Recommendation: INSUFFICIENT
				5.05.01)	EVIDENCE
					CPRB Motion:
					Second:
					Motion Status:
				Allegation B:	
				Lack of Service:	P.O. Deonte White, #437
				Insufficient	Allegation B: Lack of Service:
				Service	Insufficient Service
				(Manual Rules	(Manual Rules 3.12, 4.18, 5.01)
				3.12, 4.18, 5.01)	OPS Recommendation: EXONERATED
					CPRB Motion:
					Second:
					Motion Status:
11	2023-0215	Joanne James	Szymanski	Allegation A:	P.O. Joshua Doerner, #2181
				Lack of Service	Allegation A: Lack of Service
				(Manual Rules	(Manual Rules 4.03, 4.15)
				4.03, 4.15)	OPS Recommendation: SUSTAINED
					CPRB Motion:
					Second:
					Motion Status:

Departure(s) from the Chief or Director

#	OPS#	CMP.	INVEST.	RECOMMENDATION	CHIEF'S DECISION
1	2024-0075	Anon.	Bowker	Date Heard by CPRB: 12/10/2024	Date Heard by Public Safety Director: 06/13/2025
				P.O. Kyle Paridon, #983 Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct	P.O. Kyle Paridon, #983 Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct/Behavior
				CPRB Recommendation: Sustained	Public Safety Director's Departure
				From the Chief's memo:	Recommendation: Dismissed
				Specification #7: (OPS2024-0075)	The Facebook post noted in
				The Civilian Police Review Board	Specification #7 contains insufficient
				(CPRB) upon its own initiative, is	evidence to support a determination
				recommending that the allegation of	that you invited racially insensitive
				Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct	comments. Therefore, I depart from the
				violation be sustained. The CPRB	Civilian Police Review Board's finding
				asserts that on or about April 8, 2024,	for Specification #7 and as such, I
				you, Patrol Officer Kyle Paridon #938,	"Dismiss" Specification #7.

				posted in a Facebook group an image of yourself in a Cleveland Division of Police uniform next to two zone cars, pointing at the sky with your firearm while wearing eclipse blocking glasses, which invited racially insensitive comments to the group. The CPRB specifically pointed to the subsequent social media post in the group concerning an acorn falling, which was a reference to a news story about a white officer who claimed he had mistaken an acorn falling for a gunshot when he fired repeatedly at a black male suspect, violating Manual of Rules 5.01 (Group III Violation).	
2	2024-0130	Anon.	Bowker	Date Heard by CPRB: 06/10/2025 P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127 Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct CPRB Recommendation: Sustained From the Chief's memo: Specification #7: (OPS2024-0130) The Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) is recommending that the allegation of Improper Procedure be sustained. The CPRB asserts that on June 13, 2024, you, Patrol Officer Demetrius Woods #2127, failed to have on your person your Wearable Camera System (WCS) while on duty, violating General Police Order 4.06.04 (Group I Violation). Allegation: Improper Procedure CPRB Recommendation: Sustained From the Chief's memo: Specification #9: (OPS2024-0130) The Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) is recommending that the allegation of Improper Procedure be sustained. The CPRB asserts that on June 13, 2024, you, Patrol Officer Demetrius Woods #2127, failed to immediately file the EAC-1 report, violating General Police Order 8.1.01 (Group I Violation).	P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127 Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct Chief's Departure Recommendation: Dismissed Because General Police Order 5.12.06 explicitly states officers on an Executive Protection Detail shall be exempt from wearing the Wearable Camera System, I am departing from the Civilian Police Review Board's recommendation for Specification #7, and I recommend Specification #7 be "Dismissed" as set forth in the charge letter. Allegation: Improper Procedure Chief's Departure Recommendation: Dismissed Because there is no date on the EAC-1 to indicate when the form was submitted as part of this crash investigation, there is insufficient evidence to find that it was submitted late and outside of policy. Therefore, I am departing from the Civilian Police Review Board's recommendation for Specification #9, and I recommend Specification #9 be "Dismissed" as set forth in the charge letter.
3	2023-0140	Lars St. John	Szymanski	Date Heard by CPRB: 08/13/2024	Date Heard by Chief: 07/28/2025

P.O. Anthony Rice, #1886

Allegation: Unprofessional

Behavior/Conduct

CPRB Recommendation: Sustained From the Chief's memo:

The Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) is recommending that the allegation of Unprofessional Conduct be sustained. The CPRB asserts that on June 7, 2023, you, Patrol Officer Anthony Rice #1886, did exhibit unprofessional behavior/conduct when you displayed a non-verbal sign of being discourteous and rude while interacting with Mr. St. John, violating Manual of Rules 5.09 (Group I Violation)

P.O. Anthony Rice, #1886

Allegation: Unprofessional

Behavior/Conduct

Chief's Departure Recommendation: Dismissed

The complainant had much of his face covered and Patrol Officer Rice "displayed a non-verbal sign" that he would like the complainant to lower his face covering while they talked. The complainant became upset by this and Patrol Officer Rice thought it best to de-escalate the situation by having another officer (Patrol Officer Anthony Longer #2452) interview the complainant. Patrol Officer Longer then interviewed the complainant.

The "non-verbal sign" of asking someone to lower a facemask does not rise to the level of being discourteous. Also, after the complainant became upset with Patrol Officer Rice, he employed the de-escalation technique of having another officer speak to the complainant. As such, I find no violation of policy and I am departing from the Civilian Police Review Board's recommendation for Specification #1, and I recommend Specification #1 be "Dismissed" as set forth in the charge letter.

Statistics on Cases for September 9th, 2025 Meeting

ALLEGATIONS (Total):	58
Harassment:	1
Excessive Force:	15
Lack of Service:	17
Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct:	14
Biased Policing:	4
WCS Violation:	1
IMPROPER PROCEDURE (Uncategorized):	2
Improper Citations	0
Improper Search	0
Improper Stop	2
Improper Tow	0
Improper Arrest	2
Improper Warrant	0
PROPERTY:	0

Missing Property	0
Damage to Property	0
ALLEGATIONS (Total):	58