

Civilian Police Review Board

Special Meeting March 18, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

CPRB MEMBERS

Billy Sharp, Chair

Brandon Brown, Vice Chair

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David Gatian

Glen Parker III

Kenneth Mountcastle

Diana Cyganovich

Sherall Hardy

OPS

Kristen Traxler, Int. Administrator

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Tammi Lampkin, Investigator

James Ouk, Investigator

Art Bowker, Investigator

Adam Eisen, Investigator

Jessyca Watson, Investigator

Jermaine Smith, Investigator

Hamza Khabir, Investigator

LAW DEPARTMENT

Lillian Hall

Michael Hess

I. Call to Order

Billy Sharp, Chair

II. Roll Call

A Motion to Suspend the CPRB “Regular” order was made by Dave Gatian and Second by Diana Cyganovich.

Billy Sharp made a Motion for CPRB to accept the verbal resignation of OPS Administrator Perez effective April 10th, 2025, and to place Mr. Perez on administrative leave effective March 18th, 2025 through April 10, 2025. The motion was seconded by Diana Cyganovich.

III. Executive Session

CPRB

A motion to go into an emergency executive session was made by Brandon Brown and seconded by Diana Cyganovich.

After the executive session was over, a Motion was made by Chair Sharp to make Kristen Traxler the Interim Administrator of the Office of Professional Standards effective immediately.

Seconded: Brandon Brown

In Favor: 7

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

Motion: Passed

IV. PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

Kristen Traxler Interim Administrator

Departure-

1. OPS2022-0210

On 8/25/2022, Ms. C. Spates filed a complaint with OPS alleging Lack of Service/No Service on the part of P.O. Antwuan Wells #1330 during a call for police when her missing daughter was found.

Ms. Spates was assaulted by several individuals on the scene and claimed Sgt. Wells did not apprehend the individuals.

On December 10, 2024, the Civilian Police Review Board was presented with the case during the monthly hearing. The board members voted to sustain the Lack of Service allegation. P.O. Wells failed to provide service when he responded to a call

for service and observed several people who were engaged in an argument that became an assault on the complainant. P.O. Wells failed to prevent the crime and arrest the suspects in the assault as per the Manual of Rules and Regulations Section(s) 4.01, 4.03, 4.14, and 4.18.

On February 10th, 2025, a pre-disciplinary hearing was held, where P.O. Wells #1330 pled “Not Guilty” to Specification #1 as outlined in the charge letter which stated P.O. Wells failed to provide service when he responded to a call for service and observed several people who were engaged in an argument that became an assault on the complainant. P.O. Wells failed to prevent the crime and arrest the suspects in the assault, violating Manual of Rules 4.01, 4.03, 4.14 and 4.18. A group level II violation was decided among CPRB members.

It has since been recommended to change Group Level II to Group Level 1 due to the initial call being regarding a missing juvenile and the complainant being assaulted away from where P.O. Wells was. There were several other officers who quickly separated the combatants. Although an assault occurred in the presence of officers, no arrest was made and should have. P.O. Wells actions comport more closely to a Group I Violation (Conduct that has a negative impact on the operations or professional image of the Division or that negatively impacts relationships with other officers, agencies, or the public) It is being recommended that P.O. Wells be issued a Written Reprimand.

On March 18, 2025, the departure was presented to the CPRB and they agreed to accept the Directors decision. The motion to accept was made by Vice Chair Brown and seconded by Member Gatian.

1. **OPS2022-0305** P.O. Jonnatan Sanchez #966, P.O. Wanda Wright #2206

Summary: On December 9, 2022, P.O. Wanda Wright #2206 and P.O. Jonnatan Sanchez #966 responded to a residence on the city’s east side, for males threatening each other, involving Mr. Stover and Mr. Dillon. Mr. Stover claimed Mr. Dillon brandished a firearm and threatened him. The patrol officers conducted a consensual pat-down of Mr. Dillon, finding no weapon. Mr. Dillon presented a photo of a civil stalking Protection Order (CSPO) against Mr. Stover, which Mr. Stover disputed as invalid. The patrol officers collected and documented conflicting statements maintained professionalism despite Mr. Stover’s on-scene accusations of bias, and explained their decision-making due to lack of probable cause. P.O. Wright created menacing reports for Mr. Dillon and Mr. Stover in c/w law, appropriately choosing to document the incident as her decision aligned with the obligation to act only when sufficient evidence supports probable cause. The officers' actions were compliant with CDP policy and procedures.

P.O Jonnatan Sanchez #966

Allegation: Lack of Service-

Recommendation: Exonerated - The preponderance of the collected evidence supports a finding that the alleged conduct did occur, but the officer's actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police Orders, training, or procedures.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Motion: Carried

P.O. Wanda Fay Wright #2206

Allegation: Lack of Service-

Recommendation: Exonerated - The preponderance of the evidence gathered throughout the investigation supports a finding that the alleged conduct did occur, but the officer's actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police Orders, training, or procedures.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Motion: Carried

P.O. Jonnatan Sanchez #966

Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Recommendation: Unfounded - The preponderance of the evidence supports a finding that the alleged conduct did not occur.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Dave Gatian

Motion: Carried

P.O. Wanda Fay Wright #2206

Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Recommendation: Unfounded - The preponderance of the evidence supports a finding that the alleged conduct did not occur.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Dave Gatian

Motion: Carried

P.O. Jonnatan Sanchez #966

Allegation: Improper Procedure

Recommendation: Exonerated - The preponderance of the evidence gathered throughout the investigation supports a finding that the alleged conduct did occur, but the officer's actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police Orders, training, or procedures.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Dave Gatian

Motion: Carried

P.O. Wanda Fay Wright #2206

Allegation: Improper Procedure

Recommendation: Exonerated - The preponderance of the evidence gathered throughout the investigation supports a finding that the alleged conduct did occur, but the officer's actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police Orders, training, or procedures.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Dave Gatian

Motion: Carried

2. OPS2023-0266 Dispatcher Latitia Rice #89

Summary: In her complaint, Ms. Ross states that on the morning of November 8th, Dispatcher Latitia Rice #89 was unprofessional towards her. Ms. Ross called 911 to request police assistance over a neighborly dispute. During the call, Ms. Ross stated that Dispatcher Rice had an attitude and acted like she was being disturbed by the call. OPS has conducted an investigation into the allegation of Unprofessional Behavior by Dis. Rice. Dispatcher Latitia Rice was interviewed by OPS, and in the interview, she denied her behavior as being unprofessional. During the audio recording of the 911 call, it can be heard that Dispatcher Rice was unprofessional by being standoffish with the caller and hanging up on Ms. Ross. OPS recommends a finding of sustained due to the preponderance of evidence that supports that the alleged conduct did occur.

Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Recommendation: Sustained -The preponderance of the evidence including the Dispatcher's recording supports a finding that the alleged conduct occurred.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

Group Level 1- Courtesy and rudeness.

Letter of reinstruction to include sections of manual rules that Dispatcher Rice violated 1.1.17.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Sherall Hardy

3. OPS2024-0084 P.O. Jonathan Barker #985

Summary: The Complainant, Mr. Abdul-Latif, alleges that P.O. Jonathan Barker #985 failed to take a police report from him at the 3rd District Lobby, on or about April 6, 2024.

Allegation: Lack of Service-No Service

Recommendation: Exonerated – The preponderance of the evidence gathered throughout the investigation supports a finding that the alleged conduct occurred but the officer's actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police orders, training or procedure. Under Section 4.18, the complainant did not provide any specific facts that established a criminal act.

Motion: Billy Sharp

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Motion: Carried

Allegation: WCS Violation

Recommendation: Sustained - The preponderance of the evidence to include OPS interviews supports a finding that P.O. Barker did not activate his WCS during a 10 to 15-minute encounter, failing to comply with the requirements of GPO 4.06.04 B (1) or B (2).

Motion: Billy Sharp

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Motion: Carried

Group Level 1- WCS Violation 4.06.04 Wearable camera system

Motion: Billy Sharp

Second: Dave Gatian

4. OPS2024-0108 P.O. Ethan Burrell #1398, Det. Xavier Nelson-Manuel #745

Summary: The complainant alleges P.O. Ethan Burrell #1398 and P.O. Xavier Nelson-Manuel #745 threatened to arrest her if she did not return her son's work tools, which she alleged she could retain as he owned funds due to a civil matter. OPS investigation revealed neither Officer threatened the complainant with arrest. She was advised that retaining her son's tools met the definition of theft and she would have to seek civil action to be compensated, all of which was consistent with policy.

P.O. Ethan Burrell #1398

Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Recommendation: Unfounded - Based on the preponderance of the evidence to include WCS footage, reflects Officer Actions were consistent with Manual Sections 3.02 and 5.01.

Motion: Dave Gatian

Second: Sherall Hardy

Abstain: Brandon Brown- Knows one of the involved Members.

Motion: Carried

Det. Xavier Nelson-Manuel #745

Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Recommendation: Unfounded - Based on the preponderance of the evidence to include WCS footage, reflects Officer Actions were consistent with Manual Sections 3.02 and 5.01.

Motion: Dave Gatian

Second: Sherall Hardy

Abstain: Brandon Brown- Knows one of the involved Members.

Motion: Carried

5. OPS2024-0135 P.O. Karl Lloyd #1007

Summary: Mr. Browder contacted the Office of Professional Standards to file a complaint against CDP member P.O. Karl Lloyd #1007. Mr. Browder felt that P.O. Lloyd was unprofessional when responding to a theft at the Hudson News store at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Mr. Browder wanted to report a shoplifter. Mr. Browder is the store manager and thought he was being treated like a suspect and the officer was acting intimidating towards him. A review of the WCS and officer interview was conclusive that P.O. Lloyd did not violate CDP rules and his conduct was professional throughout the entire encounter.

Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Recommendation: Unfounded - Based on the preponderance of the evidence the alleged conduct did not occur.

Motion: Dave Gatian

Second: Glen Parker III

Motion: Carried

6. OPS2024-0257 P.O. Spencer Camp #1007, Det. Matthew Randolph #2372

Summary: On October 16th, 2024, Mr. D. Anderson was door-dashing in the Tremont neighborhood area. Mr. Anderson dropped off a Taco Bell order near W. 6th around 3:00 am. Det. Randolph #2372 witnessed Mr. Anderson in the back alley of W. 6th St turn his car off and run up to a porch. CDP was running an undercover car break in detail in the Tremont area on the early morning of October 16th, 2024. The Detective followed Mr. Anderson in his unmarked car. Det. Randolph radioed in for a zone car to stop the vehicle after he witnessed Mr. Anderson Jr. commit several moving violations. P.O. Spence Camp #1516 and his partner, P.O. Chaze Henderson #1533 initiated a traffic stop on Mr. Anderson's silver Honda after Mr. Anderson attempted to turn around on a dead-end street. P.O. Camp exited his zone car, unholstered his firearm, ordered Mr. Anderson out of his car, ordered him to get on the ground, and performed a Terry Frisk. Mr. Anderson proved to the Officers that he was door-dashing by showing them the app on his phone. Det. Randolph arrived and spoke with Mr. Anderson and explained why he was and what the Officers are doing in the area. Officers Camp and Det. Randolph apologized to Mr. Anderson for the inconvenience. Mr. Anderson was not ticketed for committing traffic violations. Mr. Anderson alleges that the Officers involved were biased in their traffic stop, did not follow the correct procedures, and were unprofessional. The investigation conducted by OPS found that the Officers were not biased or unprofessional. However, it was found that P.O. Camp #1516 violated GPO 2.01.05 by not following the procedure of reporting his use of force.

P.O. Spencer Camp #1516

Allegation: Bias Policing

Recommendation: Exonerated - The preponderance of the collected evidence supports a finding that the alleged conduct did occur, but the officer's actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police Orders, training, or procedures.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

Det. Matthew Randolph #2372

Allegation: Bias Policing

Recommendation: Exonerated - The preponderance of the collected evidence supports a finding that the alleged conduct did occur, but the officer's actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police Orders, training, or procedures.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

P.O. Spencer Camp #1516

Allegation: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Recommendation: Unfounded - Based on the preponderance of the evidence the alleged conduct did not occur.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

P.O. Spencer Camp #1516

Allegation: Improper Procedure-Failure to report Use of Force

Recommendation: Sustained - Based on the preponderance of the evidence the alleged conduct did occur when the officer failed to report having to un-holster his firearm. **2.01.05- Use of force reporting**

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

Group Level 1- Reports- Failure to submit. 2.01.05- Use of force reporting

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Dave Gatian

V. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Member Gatian and seconded by Vice Chair Brown.