



**CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

June 11, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – 10:15

Roslyn Quarto, Chairperson

II. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Quarto

CPRB MEMBERS

ATTENDANCE

Roz Quarto, Chair
Michael Graham
Ken Mountcastle
Mary Clark
Michael Hess
Ashley Mostella
Ernest Turner
Gerri Butler, Staff Counsel
LeeAnn Hanlon, Secretary

OPS STAFF

ATTENDANCE

Roger Smith, Administrator
Henry Roney, Senior Investigator
Spyridon Kodellas, Research Analyst
Keith Oliver, Investigator
Kevin Wynne, Investigator
David Hammons, Investigator
Vincent Funari, Investigator
Art Bowker, Investigator
Eric Richardson, Investigator
Julie Delaney, Investigator
Anitra Merritt, Investigator
Barbara Williams-Bennett, Investigator

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

VI. CPRB TRAINING – NO TRAINING

VII. HILLARD HEINTZE CASES

Roger Smith

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

IX. OPS REPORT

- A. REVIEW OF CDP DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS**
- B. REVIEW OF DIRECTOR DECISIONS**

X. POLICY UPDATES

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Quarto made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Clark. Motion passes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Scalise reminds every one of the three (3) minute time limit

Rico Dancy

Mr. Dancy is the president and founder of Black Lives Matter for the Deaf, as well as the president of the National Black Deaf Advocates, and he wanted to make sure that the police were trained on how to accept third-party calls when speaking with deaf and hearing impaired individuals. Additionally, Mr. Dancy requested training and education for officers because they continually use the phrase “deaf and dumb.”

Dave Lima, SURJ

Some comments that I made at the last Board meeting bears repeating. Civilian oversight of the police department is critical to ensuring that progressive, 21st-century policing is adopted by the Cleveland Department of Police and that the polices put in place through the Consent Decree continue post-Consent Decree. We believe strengthening the existing oversight system will be critical to the end. This can be done a number of ways – increasing the budget, increasing staff, continuing education and training, engaging the community, and providing the oversight system with the authority to implements its sustained findings.

Implementing the changes and revised policies required in the Consent Decree will be resisted by the those requirements. Developing solid working relationships and understanding the community through community engagement will be critical to ensuring continued community oversight.

SURJ is pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring a community forum – Community Voices toward Accountability for Law Enforcement – and are pleased that Administrator Smith and LaToya Logan from the Cleveland Community Police Commission have agreed to participate on the panel. We are now in the process of confirming three additional panel members. We’re working on establishing a July time, date, and location. The event will be co-sponsored by the Cleveland Community Police Commission and Prizm. We will share the details as they become available.



V. PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

a. 18-138: Podsada

Sgt. Ezzo #9084

Allegation: Improper Seizure

Recommendation: Exonerated

Motion: Quarto

Second: Mountcastle

Motion passes with one abstention

P.O. Daugenti #1933

Allegation: Improper Procedure

Recommendation: Exonerated

Motion: Quarto

Second: Hess

Motion passes with one abstention

b. 18-177: McCollum

Det. Cox #163

Allegation: Lack of Service

Recommendation: Sustained

Motion: Quarto

Second: Graham

Motion passes

c. 18-184: Smith/Gammons. Complainant is present. Ms. Smith stated that she felt that the investigation was thorough. Ms. Gammons stated what prompted her to make the complaint is because the officer pulled into her driveway after he issued her daughters a ticket. She would never had made a complaint had he not pulled into the driveway.

P.O. Tell #2323

Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct

Recommendation: Sustained

Motion: Quarto

Second: Graham

Motion passes



Allegation: Harassment
Recommendation: Insufficient Evidence
Motion: Quarto
Second: Turner

Allegation: WCS Violation
Recommendation: Sustained
Motion: Quarto
Second: Turner
Motion passes

Allegation: Failure to Notify CCS
Recommendation: Exonerated
Motion: Quarto
Second: Clark
Motion passes

d. 18-203: Bonner

P.O. Sumlin #2153

Allegation: Improper Citation
Recommendation: Exonerated
Motion: Quarto
Second: Turner
Motion passes

Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct
Recommendation: Insufficient Evidence
Motion: Quarto
Second: Hess
Motion passes

e. 18-216: Bell

P.O. Hannon #2065

Allegation: Lack of Service
Recommendation: Unfounded
Motion: Quarto
Second: Hess
Motion passes



f. 19-023: Salameh

P.O. Davis #561

Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct

Recommendation: Sustained

Motion: Quarto

Second: Clark

Motion passes

Allegation: Improper Citation

Recommendation: Unfounded

Motion: Quarto

Second: Clark

Motion passes

g. 19-035: Thomas

P.O. Lynch #730

Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct

Recommendation: Insufficient Evidence

Motion: Quarto

Second: Clark

Motion passes with one abstention

Allegation: Lack of Service

Recommendation: Exonerated

Motion: Quarto

Second: Clark

Motion passes with one abstention

h. 19-038: Dancy. Complainant re-iterated that officers need to be trained on the relay services, because while he may be deaf, he is not dumb.

P.O. Gessino #341

Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct

Recommendation: Unfounded

Motion: Quarto

Second: Clark

Motion passes



i. 19-048: Moffett

Det. Petchler #1765

Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct
Recommendation: Insufficient Evidence
Motion: Quarto
Second: Mountcastle
Motion passes

Allegation: Lack of Service
Recommendation: Insufficient Evidence
Motion: Quarto
Second: Graham
Motion passes

j. 19-051: Smith

P.O. Bush #1241

Allegation: Biased Policing
Recommendation: Unfounded
Motion: Quarto
Second: Turner
Motion passes

Allegation: Lack of Service
Recommendation: Unfounded
Motion: Quarto
Second: Mountcastle
Motion passes

P.O. Moss #1243

Allegation: Biased Policing
Recommendation: Unfounded
Motion: Quarto
Second: Mountcastle
Motion passes



Allegation: Lack of Service
Recommendation: Unfounded
Motion: Quarto
Second: Mountcastle
Motion passes

Allegation: Unprofessional Conduct
Recommendation: Unfounded
Motion: Quarto
Second: Clark
Motion passes

k. 19-057: Walker/Bailey

P.O. Senn #35

Allegation: Biased Policing
Recommendation: Unfounded
Motion: Quarto
Second: Clark
Motion passes



VII. HILLARD HEINTZE CASES

Ms. Quarto moves that the CPRB adopt the Hillard Heintze recommendations for the following cases:

- 16-186
- 16-239
- 17-124
- 17-140
- 17-164
- 17-165
- 17-170
- 17-178
- 17-180
- 17-185.
- 17-187
- 17-190
- 17-191
- 17-199
- 17-200
- 17-205
- 17-206

Ms. Clark seconds the motion, motion passes.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:d29 hours.