

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2015
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Common Council Chambers
Public Comment - 20 minutes at 6:30 PM**

| <u>Name</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>A</u> |
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| Barber, William | X | | Masella, Joseph | X | | | | |
| Bullock, Douglas | X | | Moser, Leah | X | | | | |
| Christiana, Peter | X | | Turner, V. Diane | X | | | | |
| Horan, Carole J. | X | | Lipari, Joseph L. | X | | | | |
| Levine, Louis | X | | Pearson, Betty L. | X | | | | |
| Livingston, Mallory | X | | | | | | | |

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Mr. Barber, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being held pursuant to notice and that a quorum was present.

1. On motion duly made by Mr. Masella, seconded by Ms. Turner and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the November 5, 2015, Board meeting.
2. Chairman's Items
 - a. CRB contract requests for medical consultant and investigators approved over Mayoral veto – Mr. Barber reported that at its regular meeting Monday, November 23, the Common Council voted 8 to 0 to override Mayor Stephanie Miner's veto of CRB contracts with Scientific Consulting of Western New York to provide medical review services and AG Investigations, LLC to provide investigative services on an as-needed basis for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
3. Administrator's Report
 - a. Should the CRB Subpoena Officers to Hearings - On motion made by Ms. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Masella and adopted, the Board voted to add a section to the CRB complaint form allowing complainants to indicate whether they would like the subject officer(s) to be subpoenaed to attend the CRB hearing. Mr. Lipari stated that the board will decide on a case by case basis by majority vote whether or not to subpoena officers to hearings.
 - b. Board member terms expiring at year-end – Mr. Lipari reported that Mr. Barber, Mr. Bullock, Ms. Horan, Ms. Livingston and Mr. Masella's terms will end at the end of the year and will need to be reappointed by their respective appointers. Mr. Lipari indicated that he has communicated with all of the elected officials

responsible for making these reappointments and that the reappointments will be made at the December 21 Council meeting.

- c. 3rd Quarter Report released – Mr. Lipari reported that the third quarterly report of 2015 has been released and is posted on the CRB website.
 - d. Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Lipari shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date.
 - e. November case statistics – Mr. Lipari reported that 12 new cases were received in November. He stated that the total received so far in 2015 is 68 and that two cases will be reviewed during Executive Session.
 - f. Review of recent events in Chicago – Mr. Lipari discussed recent developments with the Chicago Police Department and the city’s Independent Police Review Authority. Mr. Lipari indicated that he expects that the U.S. Department of Justice will commence a pattern and practice investigation into the CPD and that a court monitored consent decree is likely to be imposed on the city.
4. Committees
 - a. Board Training & Development – Mr. Lipari reported that the committee will meet to begin preparing the CRB Annual Training and Strategic Planning event.
 5. New Business

Ms. Horan stated that it was a pleasure to attend the 40-under-40 Awards Luncheon where Mr. Lipari was recognized for his contribution to the community. She noted that Mr. Masella, Ms. Pearson and Mr. Lipari’s wife also attended.
 6. Public Comment (6:30 pm)

Ms. Barrie Gewanter asked about the CRB’s ongoing effort to develop a comprehensive Use of Force policy.

Mr. Yusuf Abdul-Qadir commended the CRB on the work being done; congratulated the Board on the approved contracts; spoke of officers taking cell phones from individuals and breaking them and/or not giving them back and inquired as to whether the CRB has received complaints of this nature; asked if a use of force complaint history is kept on officers who are still on the force and if so, asked if that information could be made available to the public; and spoke of terrorism and its impact on the Muslim community in regard to policing.

Mr. Mikiel Anderson asked questions and made comments about the Police Liaison Committee; the translator/interpreter contract; the Public Safety Committee chair; the administrator’s evaluation; Councilor Joe Nicoletti; David Barrette’s Board appointment; Board training; Board committees; surveillance and 911 recordings.
 7. Meeting continued in Executive Session.

During the Executive Session, the Board voted on the following cases to determine whether to forward the case to a CRB hearing:

15-056 **No Hearing**

15-063 **No Hearing**

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the Board adjourned its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty L. Pearson
Typist II, Citizen Review Board