

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 4, 2016
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>
Barber, William		X	Livingston, Mallory	X				
Barrette, David	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				

On Thursday, February 4, 2016, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Mr. Christiana, Board Vice 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. Livingston and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 7, 2016, Board meeting.
2. Chairman's Items – There were no items to address by the Chairman.
3. Administrator's Report
 - a. Update on Office of Professional Standards' (OPS) staffing – Mr. Lipari reported that Sergeant Thomas Williams was recently assigned to the OPS staff and that this should improve the timeliness of the delivery of case documents to the CRB office. Mr. Lipari also noted that the Police Liaison Committee should now be able to resume their meetings in the near future.
 - b. Update on new CRB member – Mr. Lipari reported that Councilor Khalid Bey has indicated that he has identified a replacement for Tafara Timmons.
 - c. Citizen's Police Academy, Saturday, February 27 – Mr. Lipari reminded the Board of the SPD's Citizen's Police Academy training day on Saturday, February 27, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and encouraged those who had not previously attended to do so.
 - d. Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Lipari shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date.

- e. January case statistics – Mr. Lipari reported that six new cases were received in January. He stated that one case will be reviewed during Executive Session.
- f. Police Executive Research Forum: Use-of-Force Guiding Principles – Mr. Lipari discussed a set of guiding principles on use of force recently released by the Police Executive Research Forum. Mr. Lipari noted that many of the principles outlined in the PERF publication reflect some of the same issues that the CRB has highlighted in its policy and training recommendations, such as: the need for police departments to adopt policies that hold themselves to a higher standard than the legal requirements of *Graham v. Connor*; the adoption of de-escalation strategies and tactics as agency policy; the importance of implementing a Duty to Intervene policy; the adoption of a policy prohibiting officer from shooting at moving vehicles, and the importance of using distance, cover, and time to replace misapplied concepts such as the “21-foot rule.”

4. Committees

There were no committee reports.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Public Comment (6:30 pm)

Ms. Barrie Gewanter reported that eight of the nine members of the Justice Center Oversight Committee were voted in on Tuesday, February 2. She was asked by Mr. Masella to give a comparison of the CRB and the JCOC.

Mr. Mikiel Anderson asked questions or made comments about communication between the Public Safety Committee chair and the CRB; MAMI; advertisement on buses; the State of the City address; the CRB budget; police contract negotiations; the annual report and first quarterly report; the computer use policy; Board committees; training; Ferguson consent decree; refugee/Spanish-speaking communities; community outreach; conciliation; officers at CRB hearings and body cameras.

7. Meeting continued in Executive Session.

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

15-072 **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