

**City of Syracuse  
Citizen Review Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 2, 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>
Barrette, David	X		Levine, Louis	X				
Christiana, Peter	X		Livingston, Mallory	X				
Duncan, Caleb		X	Moser, Leah	X				
Holmes, Hatisha	X		Turner, V. Diane	X				
Horan, Carole J.	X		Chaplin II, Esq., David L.	X				
Kutz, Ruth	X		Pearson, Betty L.	X				

On Thursday, June 2, 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 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 Ms. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Barrette and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 5, 2016, Board meeting.
2. Chairman's Items
  - a. Introduction of new Administrator – Mr. Christiana formally introduced the CRB's new Administrator, David L. Chaplin II, Esq. who shared that he is excited to be the one to take the CRB to the next level.
3. Administrator's Report
  - a. Update on Lawsuit: Required Responses from the Chief of Police – The CRB filed its Brief regarding our injunction to ask the Court to compel the Chief to provide the necessary documents outside the 'discretionary' 60-day window in effort to allow the CRB to perform its mandated functions for complex cases where more investigatory time is needed. The Corporation Counsel submitted their Answer, after losing on their Motion to dismiss on grounds of Standing & Capacity, which they plan to appeal, to an Article 78 Petition and Declaratory judgment motion on June 2, 2016. Next, the Court will schedule, in the coming weeks, a date for both parties to have an appearance on position of relief where the judge will either make a decision immediately after oral arguments (day of) or reserve his decision whereby he would render a decision after that hearing date.
  - b. CRB outside contracts – Mr. Chaplin reported that he spoke with the Law Department and expects to have more information during the first full week of

June. Ms. Horan asked if the process would start over in July for the 2016-17 fiscal year. They are meant to only need approval one time.

- c. Board Mayoral vacancy – The Mayor’s office is aware of the vacancy and it may be filled by the July meeting.
  - d. Board Vice Chair vacancy – Board members were asked to consider the position.
  - e. Postponement of CRB Training Day – Due to the many changes that have taken place in the first half of the year, the Annual Training Day will be in the fall.
  - f. Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Chaplin shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date.
  - g. May case statistics – Mr. Chaplin reported that seven new cases were received in May. He stated the total received in 2016 is 37 and that no cases would be reviewed during Executive Session.
4. Committees
- a. Reassignment of committees – The new Board member present decided on what committee(s) they will serve.
5. New Business
- Ms. Kutz asked if there should be a response from the CRB on the newspaper article on the Excessive Force after Fleeing Report. The thought is that it could be counterproductive, so there will not be a response.
- Mr. Chaplin shared that he would be pursuing grants through the City’s research department and the US Department of Justice.
6. Public Comment (6:30 pm)
- Mr. Mikiel Anderson asked questions or made statements about the website, the first quarterly report, community outreach, an e-newsletter and the lawsuit.
7. Meeting continued in Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betty L. Pearson  
Typist II, Citizen Review Board