

**City of Syracuse  
Citizen Review Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 4, 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>
Barber, William	X		Masella, Joseph	X		<b>Common Councilor</b>		
Bullock, Douglas	X		Milliken, Carol	X		Hunter, Pamela	X	
Christiana, Peter	X		Timmons, Tafara Blake		X			
Horan, Carole J.	X		Turner, V. Diane		X			
Levine, Louis	X		Lipari, Joseph L.	X				
Livingston, Mallory	X		Pearson, Betty L.	X				

On Thursday, June 4, 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. Introduction and Presentation
  - a. Introduction of incoming CRB member – Mr. Barber introduced and welcomed Douglas Bullock as the newest incoming CRB member, replacing Raheem Mack as an At-Large appointee. Mr. Barber shared Mr. Bullock’s bio. Mr. Barber reported that City Clerk John Copanas swore Mr. Bullock in prior to the meeting.
  - b. Presentation of certificate of appreciation to outgoing CRB member Carol Milliken – Mr. Barber read and presented a certificate of appreciation to departing Board member Carol Milliken, expressing the Board’s appreciation for her commitment to the CRB.
2. On motion duly made by Mr. Masella, seconded by Ms. Horan and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 7, 2015, Board meeting.
3. Chairman’s Items
  - a. Police memorial event attended by CRB Chair and Administrator – Mr. Barber reported that he and Mr. Lipari attended the SPD memorial service at the Public Safety Building on Friday, May 15.
4. Administrator’s Report
  - a. Review of Recommendations by President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing – Mr. Lipari reported that on December 18, 2014, President Barack Obama signed an Executive Order establishing the President’s Task Force on 21st Century

- Policing. Mr. Lipari stated that the Task Force Members sought expertise from stakeholders and input from the public as they worked to identify best practices and make recommendations to the President. Mr. Lipari noted that the Task Force submitted an initial report to the President on March 2, 2015 and released the final report on May 18, 2015. Mr. Lipari shared a list of 54 recommendations, highlighting several and noted that the website for the task force is <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/policingtaskforce>.
- b. CRB report on uses of force following a foot or vehicle pursuit – Mr. Lipari noted that the CRB has investigated many use-of-force cases where a significant amount of force was used on a suspect who fled from police. Mr. Lipari reported that the complainants have often indicated that they surrendered with their hands outstretched but were struck with multiple punches, knees, kicks, or other blows, sometimes before being handcuffed and sometimes after being handcuffed. Mr. Lipari provided an overview of the problem, the purpose of a proposed study, possible metrics, and matters concerning analysis, assessment and context. On motion made by Mr. Masella, seconded by Ms. Livingston and adopted, the Board authorized Mr. Lipari to further research the issue, prepare a written report on the subject and discuss the report with the Liaison Committee at their next meeting.
  - c. Distribution of new CRB public awareness posters – Mr. Lipari reported that each Board member present received two printed copies of the poster. Mr. Lipari asked that they post them in places where the public will see them. Audience member Mr. Mustafa Robinson also took several copies and will post them at the city’s public libraries.
  - d. Nourishing Tomorrow’s Leaders recruitment event (for future Board members) – Mr. Lipari reported that Nourishing Tomorrow’s Leaders is a local initiative of The Gifford Foundation, designed to increase the diversity of non-profit boards and organizations in the Central New York area. Mr. Lipari noted that the program consists of an eight-week course in board training and leadership development. Mr. Lipari indicated that he attended the graduation on Tuesday, June 2, and was able to identify four individuals who would be strong candidates to be potential Board members. Mr. Lipari stated that he will meet further with these individuals and provide their names and resumes to the At large councilors to review for their selection for the current open At large seat.
  - e. Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Lipari shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date, including the transfer of \$4,000.00 from Office Equipment & Furnishings to Rental, Professional & Contractual Services. Mr. Lipari noted that the CRB will close out the 2014-15 fiscal year with several hundred dollars remaining in each budget category.

f. May 2015 case statistics – Mr. Lipari reported that nine new cases were received in May. He stated the total received in 2015 is 30 and that eight cases will be reviewed during Executive Session.

5. Committees

a. Outreach Committee: Summer Outreach Events – Mr. Lipari shared the following dates and locations for CRB Summer Outreach Events:

- June 13, 2015, Juneteenth at Clinton Square
- June 20, 2015, CNY Pride Festival at the Inner Harbor
- August 13, 2015, Near Westside Multicultural Block Party at Skiddy Park
- September 20, 2015, Westcott Street Cultural Fair

Mr. Lipari noted that there is the need to have events in the First, Third and Fifth Council Districts. Mr. Lipari indicated that there is a possibility of holding a series of community forums on How to Interact with Law Enforcement in conjunction with SPD's Community Relations Division.

6. New Business

Mr. Lipari reported that the Board will soon have the opportunity to tour the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Communications 911 Center.

7. Public Comment (6:30 pm)

Mr. Mustafa Robinson suggested coming up with a mechanism similar to the Civil Liberties Union's Wheel of Information to engage the audience while at community outreach events. Mr. Mikiel Anderson suggested engaging with Spanish-speakers, mental health sufferers, disabled and refuge communities more. He also asked questions pertaining to the Justice Center Review Board, changes to the CRB ordinance and committee assignments for new Board members.

8. 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:

15-018	<b>No Hearing</b>
15-019	<b>No Hearing</b>
15-020	<b>No Hearing</b>
15-021	<b>No Hearing</b>
15-022	<b>Hearing</b>
15-023	<b>Hearing</b>
15-024	<b>No Hearing</b>
15-025	<b>No Hearing</b>

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betty L. Pearson  
Typist II, Citizen Review Board