

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 4, 2017
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>
Carter, Mae	X		Meyer, John G.	X				
Duncan, Caleb		X	Ryans, Clifford	X				
Holmes, Hatisha	X		Turner, V. Diane	X				
Kutz, Ruth	X		Pearson, Betty L.	X				
Levine, Louis	X							
Livingston, Mallory	X							

On Thursday, May 4, 2017, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Ms. Livingston, 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. Kutz, seconded by Mr. Ryans and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the April 6, 2017, Board meeting.
2. Chairman's Items
 - a. Welcome of 2nd District appointee – Ms. Livingston introduced and welcomed Mr. John G. Meyer, appointed by 2nd District Councilor Chad Ryan, as the newest CRB member. He replaces Ms. Carole Horan. City Clerk John Copanas swore Mr. Meyer in on April 27. Mr. Meyer shared a little about himself.
 - b. Board Vacancies – One appointment has to be made by Mayor Stephanie Miner and one by Councilor Joseph Carni (1st District) to have a full Board.
 - c. Monthly Financial Report – Ms. Livingston shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date. The next report will reflect that funds initially moved to cover the Administrator's salary increase have been put back in their respective place in the budget as voted on at the January 5, 2017 meeting.
 - d. Activity and Status Report/April case statistics – Ms. Livingston reported that 17 new cases were received in April. She stated the total received in 2017 is 50 and that three cases will be reviewed during Executive Session.
 - e. Discussion of Inappropriate/Illegal Searches – Ms. Livingston shared that inappropriate/illegal searches that border on sexual assault have become an issue

in several cases. These cases involve strip searches in public and flesh-to-flesh body cavity searches. Body cavity searches are a medical procedure. Officers can only do a pat down after a Terry stop.

- f. Report on Subpoenas – Ms. Livingston reported that two subpoenas were received and referred to Corporation Counsel to process.

3. Committees

- a. Administrator Search Committee – Mr. Levine reported that we have received 132 resumes seeking to fill the Administrator position. Ten candidates were interviewed in April. Five candidates will be invited back for a second and final round of interviews in May. He expects to have the position filled by June.
- b. Community Outreach & Public Education Committee – Ms. Carter shared that the most recent meeting was Wednesday, April 12 at White library for the 1st District. Ms. Holmes indicated that other avenues of fulfilling the ordinance requirement for meetings in each Council District need to be explored as there is little turnout for the meetings held. She canvasses the neighborhoods near each venue days before the meeting. Mr. Ryans shared that he passes out information on the CRB.
- c. Board Developments and Training – Our library has two copies of *Police Accountability: The Role of Citizen Oversight* by Sam Walker.
- d. Government Relations – No report
- e. Police Relations – Mr. Ryans continues in his attempt to set up a meeting that includes Chief Frank Fowler and PBA President Jeff Piedmont. In the meantime, he has been invited to the next Citizens’ Police Academy and was asked to bring others. New Board member are encouraged to attend.

4. New Business

Report on Litigation – Ms. Livingston reported that May 24 is the deadline for the City to appeal the 60-day issue decision.

5. Public Comment (6:30 pm)

Mr. Mikiel Anderson made statements or asked questions regarding the Board Diversity Workshop that the Gifford Foundation is holding; the annual and quarterly reports; the investigator, medical consultant and interpreter; website; elected officials and those seeking office regarding their view of the CRB and outreach events for the summer.

Mr. Mustafa Robinson spoke on the need of the person hired as Administrator to be for the community.

Mr. Yusuf Abdul Qadir, Director of the Syracuse Chapter of the NYCLU, stated that the CRB needs to be mindful of the SPD body camera policy; concerned about the

demeanor of police, especially in the schools with disabled students; and be more transparent with Administrator candidates in that they should be presented to the community during the interview process as is done with candidates for superintendent of city schools.

Mr. Christopher Montgomery, 4th Council District candidate shared his support of the CRB.

6. 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:

16-088 **No Hearing**

17-023 **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