

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 5, 2016
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Common Council Chambers
Public Comment - 20 minutes at 5:55 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		Lipari, Joseph L.	X				
Kutz, Ruth	X		Pearson, Betty L.	X				

On Thursday, May 5, 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 April 7, 2016, Board meeting.
2. Chairman’s Items
 - a. Introduction of two new Board members Hatisha Holmes and Caleb Duncan – Mr. Christiana introduced and welcomed Ms. Hatisha Holmes and Mr. Caleb Duncan as the newest CRB members, filling the vacant At-Large appointment of Mr. Douglas Bullock and the vacant Third Council District appointment of Mr. William “Bill” Barber, respectively. Ms. Holmes and Mr. Duncan shared their backgrounds. City Clerk John Copanas swore them in before the meeting.
 - b. Resolution of Appreciation for outgoing Board member Joseph Masella – Mr. Lipari read a resolution for Mr. Masella sharing his appreciation for all Mr. Masella has done for the CRB. Ms. Livingston made a motion that the Board adopts the resolution. Ms. Kutz seconded the motion.

Resolution in appreciation of the service of Joseph Masella to the CRB

Whereas, he has diligently and passionately served as a member of the **Citizen Review Board** since 2012,

Whereas, during his tenure on the Board, he has been a strong advocate of civilian oversight of policing,

Whereas, he has been an enthusiastic participant in all of the Board's activities, including Board meetings, hearing panels, and Board trainings,

Whereas, from January 2013 to December 2014, he served honorably as Board chairman and skillfully carried out all the duties of that position,

Whereas, during his tenure as Chairman of the Board, he astutely studied the field of civilian oversight of law enforcement and acquired the necessary expertise to lead the agency at a critical time,

Whereas, as Board chairman he encouraged more consistent attendance at Board meetings which resulted in a significant increase in the Board's attendance rate,

Whereas, he has provided invaluable advice and counsel to the Administrator and the Board on the operations of the CRB,

Whereas, he regularly - often on a daily basis - provided indispensable camaraderie and the vital fortitude necessary for the Administrator to maintain resilience in difficult moments,

Whereas, he set a prime example of reliability, work ethic, and seriousness of purpose for new Board members,

Whereas, he was simply a good friend and an admirable human being who the Administrator could always count on and from whom everyone could learn a great deal about living life purposefully and conscientiously,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,

That, the Citizen Review Board of the City of Syracuse does hereby record its sincere appreciation and warmest regards for **Joseph Masella** for his energetic and attentive service to the Citizen Review Board, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That, the Citizen Review Board of the City of Syracuse hereby wishes him all the best in his many future endeavors.

3. Administrator's Report

- a. Update on Lawsuit regarding required responses from the Chief of Police – Mr. Lipari reported that Judge Spencer J. Ludington signed an order on April 29 to which Corporation Counsel's office will have 30 days to respond. Ten days after that, a court date will be set.
- b. Special Report on Force after Fleeing – The report was release on May 5 and shows an 82 to 84% reduction from 2012 to 2015.

- c. Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Lipari shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date.
 - d. April case statistics – Mr. Lipari reported that seven new cases were received in April. He stated the total received in 2016 is 30 and that six cases will be reviewed during Executive Session.
4. Committees
- a. Administrator Search Committee Report – Ms. Livingston reported that of the 42 applicants for the position, four were invited to interview. Three accepted the invitation and were interviewed on Thursday, April 28 by Ms. Livingston, Ms. Moser and Mr. Levine. At the conclusion of the public comments, we will go into Executive Session where the two finalists will have 30 minutes each to give a brief presentation to and answer questions from the Board. The Board will then deliberate and make a decision. The Board voted 8 to 1 to offer the position to Mr. David L. Chaplin II. His start date is to be determined.
5. New Business
- Ms. Horan thanked Mr. Lipari for bringing the Board to the level of professionalism and stability it needed. Mr. Lipari thanked the Board for their commitment, dedication and support for the past four years.
6. Public Comment (5:55 pm)
- Mr. Mikiel Anderson asked questions or made statements about Board appointments, the Police Liaison Committee, notification of the appointment of the Administrator, the lawsuit, contracts, website, training, the first quarterly report and subpoenas. He congratulated Mr. Lipari on his new position.
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:

15-069	No Hearing
15-070	No Hearing
15-074	Hearing
16-014	No Hearing
16-018	No Hearing
16-021	Hearing

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betty L. Pearson
Typist II, Citizen Review Board