

**City of Syracuse
Citizen Review Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2013
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Common Council Chambers
Public Comment - 20 minutes at 6:30 PM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>
Horan, Carole J.			X	Oppedisano, Donna			X	Common Councilor			
Jennings-Bey, Timothy	X			Stuart-McIlvain, Sarah	X			Barrett, Jake	X		
Levine, Louis	X			Timmons, Tafara Blake	X						
Livingston, Mallory			X	Turner, V. Diane			X				
Mack, Raheem	X			Lipari, Joseph L.	X						
Masella, Joseph	X			Pearson, Betty L.	X						

On Thursday, October 3, 2013, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Mr. Masella, 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. McIlvain, seconded by Mr. Levine and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the September 5, 2013 Board meeting.
2. Chairman's Items
 - a. Evaluation of Administrator by the Committee of Five - Mayor Stephanie Miner or appointee; Councilor Jake Barrett, Public Safety Committee Chairperson; Mr. Masella, Board Chair; Mr. Levine, District Appointee and Ms. Oppedisano, At-Large Appointee. Board members will meet to agree upon evaluation criteria. Mr. Masella will draft the evaluation and circulate it to the other four members of the Committee of Five.
3. Administrator's Report
 - a. Media coverage of 2nd Quarter Report – two articles – one on improper offers and the other on increasing rate of agreement - followed by an editorial. The coverage was positive and the tone of the articles has changed and become less adversarial. Mr. Jennings-Bey stated that the articles were helping citizens understand what exactly is and is not allowed when it comes to officers making offers in exchange for information.
 - b. Update on meeting with Chief Fowler – Mr. Lipari, Chief Fowler and the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Bill Ryan, met on September 6. The Chief agreed to provide his reasoning for no discipline in writing when the CRB recommends discipline but none is imposed by the Chief. He also reaffirmed that he would create the Police Liaison Committee.

- c. New Board Member to be approved October 7 - William "Bill" Barber, a retired police officer who was once interim chief in East Syracuse, will be appointed by Councilor Bob Dougherty to replace Demetria Gammage. He will be sworn in at the November meeting.
 - d. Review of *Force Science Institute* event Monday, September 30, at the Genesee Grand Hotel by Executive Director Bill Lewinski, PhD., a specialist in police psychology – Chief Fowler invited the entire CRB to attend a presentation on "Understanding the Realities of the Human Dynamics in Force Encounters." Ms. McIlvain felt the presentation was chauvinist, racist and socially outdated. There were questions among many about the educational background of Bill Lewinski and his credentials as an expert witness. However, Mr. Lipari noted several useful points made during Lewinski's presentation.
 - e. Website update: translations, site counter, news & photo pages, calendar to be added – Mr. Joel Rinne, the City's webmaster will be updating the CRB website.
 - f. September 2013 Case Statistics - Ten new cases were received in September. The total received in 2013 is 93. Eight cases will be reviewed during Executive Session.
4. Committee Reports
- a. Training & Board Development: Annual Strategic Planning Event - the Board agreed to forward ideas for the CRB's annual training & planning event to Mr. Lipari. Initial ideas include training on conducting hearings and a presentation by an expert on common physical injuries and the effects of intoxication on memory and actions.
5. Public Comment – Ms. Barrie Gewanter discussed the Force Science Institute event, stop & search pattern, and mental health CIT; Mr. Mikiel Anderson discussed the DOJ consent decree on minority applications to the SPD; and Councilor Jake Barrett discussed his efforts to develop a nearby shooting range for officers.
6. Meeting Adjourns to 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