



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

Citizens Police Review Board

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
6:00 PM

Regular

Council Chamber
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members Present: Denise Balazic, Harry Castilow, Stephanie Coleman, Douglas Hunt, Stephanie Yoakum, and Jamie Thornsberry.

Excused Absence: Xavier Lee Scruggs, Steven Jeffrey, and Reece Ellis.

Unexcused Absence: None

Staff Present: Assistant Chief Dickinson, Peyton Oliver, and Rose Wibbenmeyer

Members of the public were present.

Present: 6 - Stephanie Coleman, Douglas Hunt, Jamie Thornsberry, Denise Balazic, Harry Castilow and Stephanie Yoakum

Excused: 3 - Steven Jeffrey, Reece Ellis and Xavier Scruggs

II. INTRODUCTIONS

There were introductions.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Thornsberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attachments: September 11, 2024 Draft Minutes

Thornsberry made a motion to approve the draft open meeting minutes of the September 11, 2024 regular meeting. Yoakum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

V. OLD BUSINESS

Planning for Training

The Board discussed what training they would like to see in the future.

Hunt said that he would like to continue focusing on certain topics. He would like a focus on mental health or people under the influence of drugs/alcohol and how police interacts with those people. Yoakum said she would like to go over the training for de-escalation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chair

The Board reached consensus to table election of chair to next month's meeting.

Items For Next Month's Agenda

The Board discussed the following items for next month's agenda. Additional items may be added later.

Special Item:

Old Business: Election of Chair; Future Plans for Review of Complaints if the Board is fully filled.

New Business:

Items for Next Month's Agenda

Reports:

Human Rights Commission

VII. REPORTS

Human Rights Commission

Yoakum gave a report.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC

Chriss Jones spoke on behalf of Hold CoMo Accountable. Chriss Jones spoke about her recent experience with the complaint process.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp spoke about de-escalation. Traci Wilson-Kleekamp expressed interest in the new City of Columbia Police Academy and the future Curriculum. Traci Wilson-Kleekamp also spoke about co-responders.

Susan Renee Carter spoke on behalf of Race Matters Friends. Susan Renee Carter said that she supports returning the original powers to the Board. Susan Renee Carter disagreed with the presence of a police department representative at the dais. Susan Renee Carter recommended that the officer be in plain clothes in the audience.

Dan Viets spoke on behalf of the Mid Missouri Civil Liberties Association. Dan Viets spoke about their work with other groups to establish the Board, First Amendment Rights and the impact of SB 754. Dan Viets spoke in favor of a two board solution and stated that litigation may be undertaken to challenge SB 754.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board members commented.

Yoakum reminded the public of the vacancies on the Board. Thornsberry said she would not reapply to the Board. Hunt said this will be his last meeting on the Board and would work on the other side of the dais. The Board thanked Hunt and Thornsberry for their service.

X. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session to discuss records which are protected from disclosure by law, Sections 610.021(14) and 590.502 RSMo.

At 6:32 p.m., Hunt made a motion to go into closed session to discuss records which are protected from disclosure by law, Sections 610.021(14) and 590.502 RSMO. Thornsberry seconded the motion. Balazic, Castilow, Coleman, Hunt, Thornsberry, and Yoakum voted in favor of the motion. No one voted against the motion. No one abstained. The motion passed and The open session ended at 6:33 p.m.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 13, 2024

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned from closed session at 7:55 p.m.