

# City of Columbia, Missouri

*701 E. Broadway  
Columbia, Missouri*



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

6:00 PM

Regular

City Hall – City Council

Chambers

701 East Broadway

Columbia, Missouri  
Citizens Police Review Board

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Members Present: Denise Balazic, Stephanie Coleman, Reece Ellis, Douglas Hunt, Xavier Lee Scruggs, and Jamie Thornsberry

Excused Absence: None

Unexcused Absence: Brandon Barnes, and Steven Jeffery

Staff Present: Sgt. Julie Ray, and Rose Wibbenmeyer

Members of the public were present.

Councilperson Betsy Peters arrived at 612 p.m.

Reece Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were introductions.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Xavier Scruggs made a motion to approve the agenda. Jamie Thornsberry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes

**Attachments:** [10 Oct 11 Meeting Minutes-Draft](#)

October 11, 2023 Closed Meeting Minutes-Draft

Doug Hunt made a motion to approve the October 11, 2023 regular and closed meeting draft minutes. Xavier Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Audits

Reece Ellis and Doug Hunt reported the completion of discourteous treatment complaint audits, and had two under consideration.

Xavier Scruggs and Jamie Thornsberry reported they completed their audits of use of force complaints.

Stephanie Coleman reported they also completed their audits of the search and seizure complaints.

Review of Police Policies 300, 306, 447, and 440

**Attachments:** [Police Policy 300](#)

[Police Policy 306](#)

[Police Policy 440](#)

[Police Policy 447](#)

The Board discussed their review of police policies 300, 306, 440 and 447.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS****Planning for Work Session on Policy 447**

Rose Wibbenmeyer asked board members to respond to the doodle poll with January and February dates.

**Recommendations**

The Board discussed recommendations from the prior work session.

The Board would like this topic on next month's agenda.

**Election of Officers**

The Board discussed their election of officers. Reece Ellis agreed to continue one more month to wait for the election. Doug Hunt moved that the election of officers be tabled to next month. Stephanie Coleman and Jamie Thornsberry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Future of Outreach Subcommittee**

The Board discussed whether or not they wanted to continue to have an outreach subcommittee. Jamie Thornsberry made a motion to table this item to next month's agenda. Xavier Scruggs seconded the motion. The Board reached consensus to table this item to next month's agenda.

**Items for Next Month's Agenda**

Rose Wibbenmeyer announced that Sgt. Kim German is to provide the Board training on de-escalation during the Board's December meeting; and that two board members may report on the NACOLE Conference.

The Board discussed items for next month's agenda. For old business, the board would like to include: audits, recommendations, future of outreach subcommittee, officer elections, review of police policies 300, 306, 440, 447, and planning for work session on police policy 447. For new business the Board would like to include: Report on NACOLE Conference, and Draft 2023 Annual Report.

**VII. REPORTS****Positive Connections, Training and Ride Alongs**

Reece Ellis said he received a positive report regarding a protest and police communication at the protest.

Doug Hunt and Reece Ellis discussed their involvement with the police chief hiring process. They felt that all citizens in the group seemed to feel that it was a positive experience. Doug Hunt thanked the city manager for inviting them to be a part of that process.

Xavier Scruggs asked about the NACOLE Conference. Reece Ellis said that he and Steven Jeffrey were going to NACOLE. Rose Wibbenmeyer announced that Reece Ellis had been designated as a voting member for this year's NACOLE Conference.

**Human Rights Commission Report**

There was no report.

**VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Reece Ellis announced the time limits for individuals and groups.

Members of the public commented. Susan Renee Carter talked about defining de-escalation, the outreach subcommittee, asked about the de-escalation training, and meeting with the new police chief.

Stephanie Coleman commented about CPS' de-escalation training for teachers on Friday. Stephanie Coleman and Doug Hunt will be doing recruit training near the end of December.

Xavier Scruggs made a motion to go into closed session to discuss records which are protected from disclosure by law, Sections 610.021(14) and 592.502 RSMO. Stephanie Coleman seconded the motion. Denise Balazic, Stephanie Coleman, Reece Ellis, Douglas Hunt, Xavier Lee Scruggs, and Jamie Thornsberry voted in favor of the motion. No one voted against the motion. No one abstained. The motion passed.

Open session ended at 6:28 p.m. and the Board moved to room 2A for closed session.

#### **IX. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Analysis of Complaints

Audit of 2022-0056

Audit of 2022-0095

These items were discussed in closed session.

#### **X. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next Regular Meeting December 13, 2023

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the meeting from closed session at 7:32 p.m.