



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Citizens Police Review Board

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Regular

City Hall – City Council

Chambers

701 East Broadway

Columbia, Missouri

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present: Denise Balazic, Stephanie Coleman, Reece Ellis, Douglas Hunt, Steven Jeffrey, Xavier Lee Scruggs

Excused Absence: Jamie Thornsberry

Unexcused Absence: None

Staff Present: Chief Jill Schlude, Assistant Chief Paul Dickinson, Sgt. Julie Ray, and Rose Wibbenmeyer

Members of the public were present. Councilperson Peters was present.

Reece Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

There were introductions.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Xavier Scruggs made a motion to approve the agenda. Steven Jeffrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 13, 2023 Regular Session Draft Minutes

Attachments: [December 13, 2023 Draft Minutes](#)

Steven Jeffrey made a motion to approve the December 13, 2023 regular meeting draft minutes. Stephanie Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

Police Chief Jill Schlude

Chief Jill Schlude provided information to the Board and answered the Board's questions. They discussed: the reorganization of the police department; increased reporting; policy review; the co-responder program; professional standards bureau; policies under review; accreditation; staffing; recruitment; changes in the hiring process; training and orientation of new hires; meetings with community groups; and morale. The Board thanked the police chief for meeting with them tonight.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Report on NACOLE Conference-Reece Ellis

Reece Ellis gave a report on the NACOLE Conference. Reece Ellis said that he has some handouts he will send to attach to the minutes and to send to the board members.

Election of Officers

The Board discussed the election of officers. Reece Ellis made a motion to table this topic for one month. Xavier Scruggs seconded the motion. Denise Balazic, Doug Hunt, Reece Ellis, Steven Jeffrey, and Xavier Scruggs voted in favor of the motion. Stephanie Coleman voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Future of Outreach Subcommittee

The Board discussed the future of the Outreach Subcommittee and talked about the entire Board doing the work of outreach together.

Doug Hunt made a motion to dissolve the Outreach Subcommittee.

Stephanie Coleman seconded the motion. Denise Balazic, Doug Hunt, Stephanie Coleman, Steven Jeffrey, and Xavier Scruggs voted in favor of the motion. Reece Ellis abstained. The motion passed.

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

Attachments: [Police Policy 300](#)

[Police Policy 306](#)

[Police Policy 440](#)

[Police Policy 447](#)

There was no discussion of this item.

Planning for Work Session on Police Policy 447

The Board discussed planning for the work session. Rose Wibbenmeyer reminded board members to respond to the doodle poll. Board members asked that staff send out the doodle poll again.

Review of Draft 2023 Annual Report

Attachments: [2023 Draft Annual Report](#)

The Board discussed the draft of the 2023 annual report. Doug Hunt made a motion to approve the 2023 annual report. Reece Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Audits

The Board discussed audits and will reorganize themselves when they get their new members.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Items for Next Months Agenda

The Board discussed the following items for next month's agenda.

Old Business: election of officers, Planning for Work Session on Police Policy 447

New Business:

Items for Next Month's Agenda

Reports:

Human Rights Commission

Positive Connections, Training and Ride Alongs

VIII. REPORTS

Human Rights Commission

There was no report.

Positive Connections, Training, and Ride Alongs

Denise Balazic reported a ride along on December 1, 2023.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Reece Ellis announced the time limits for individuals and groups.

A member of the public commented. Mehrdad Foothighiam commented.

X. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Reece Ellis 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. Xavier Scruggs seconded the motion.

Denise Balazic, Stephanie Coleman, Reece Ellis, Douglas Hunt, Steven Jeffrey, Xavier Lee Scruggs voted in favor of the motion. No one voted against the motion. No one abstained. The motion passed.

The open session of the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The Board adjourned to room 2A for closed session. The closed session ended at: 8:41 p.m.

Analysis of Complaints

This item was discussed in closed session.

CPRB 2023-0004

This item was discussed in closed session.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting: February 14, 2023

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The open session of the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.