

Citizens Police Review Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: May 14, 2019

Convened: 1:01 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:19 p.m.

Board members Present:

Janice Coffee
Linda Lunn
Loren Gilbert-Smith
Jesurobo Enobakhare, Jr.
James Birdsong
Mario Gutierrez
David LaBrec
Perro Henson
Ezekiel Tyson
Paul Hille, **Vice-Chair**
Brian Williams, **Chair**

Board member(s) Absent:

William Freeman
Joshua Vernon
David Kitner

Staff Present:

Dallas Police Department Internal Affairs
Pavala Armstrong, City Attorney's Office
Lacy Lewis, City Manager's Office
Major Ramirez, DPD

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AGENDA:

Call to Order

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Board chair Brian Williams called an Open Session of the Citizens Police Review Board meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Room L1FN Auditorium, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present and attendance documented with each member stating their name and district they represent for the record.

1. Approval of Meeting Record for April 9, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019.

Motion by: David LaBrec

Motion seconded by: Ezekiel Tyson

Passed unanimously.

Public Hearings (Cases appearing on the Board's Agenda)

2. Ms. Cora Canaday

Ms. Canaday was not in attendance. This is her second notice and absence.

Motion to dismiss case.

Motion by: Loren Gilbert-Smith

Motion seconded by: David LaBrec

Passed unanimously.

3. Mr. Boliver Taylor

Mr. Taylor stated that on or around September 26, 2018, Senior Corporeal Monreal did not want to assist him regarding the theft of 4 checks that were stolen. Mr. Taylor alleges that when he spoke with Monreal about filing a case, Monreal failed to fully investigate. Sgt. Santiesteban from DPD gave testimony to his investigation into the matter and stated that to investigate cases of financial theft, the citizen must show proof of the checks and this could be done in a number of ways. The board asked the Sgt. if S.C. Monreal gave all of the proper information to Mr. Taylor and if they were willing to help him as he was homeless and lacking access. Sgt. Santiesteban said he was not sure if Monreal explained everything to him fully and also stated that officers do not have the time to help citizens by making phone calls on their behalf. The investigation into Mr. Taylor's complaint found that Senior Corporeal Monreal's actions were EXONERATED.

Motion to concur with the findings.

Motion by: Janice Coffee Motion seconded by: Paul Hille

Votes Aye: 7 Votes Nay: 4

Motion passed.

Motion to have City Manager's Office recommend that DPD provide instructions in writing regarding theft.

Motion by: Paul Hille Motion seconded by: Jesuorobo Enobakhare, Jr.

Motion passed Unanimously.

6. Ms. Desiree Howard

Ms. Howard alleges that multiple officers and detectives violated her civil rights and caused harm to her person while she was filing a case for sexual assault. Her first complaint was regarding a female detective's behavior in an interview room and that she became hostile for no reason while Ms. Howard was there about a sexual assault case. Second, she states that Sgt. Weckenmann coerced her to sign an affidavit when she returned to the station to check on her case. Ms. Howard's third complaint is regarding the harm that she incurred while being tazed without reason at the DPD station.

DPD Internal Affairs let the board know that Dallas Fire and Rescue were given the investigation into Ms. Howard's complaints to be without conflict of interest.

Dallas Fire was not present at the meeting to give an account of their investigation findings.

During board discussion, Vice-chair Hille asked for a formal apology from Dallas Fire and to respond, in writing, why they were not present for the meeting and to clarify why no one was able to make it.

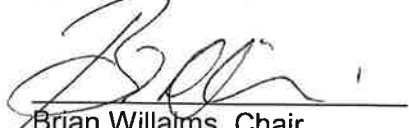
Motion to continue the case until the next meeting on June 11, 2019.

Motion by: Ezekiel Tyson Motion seconded by: Jesuorobo Enobakhare, Jr.

Motion passed unanimously.

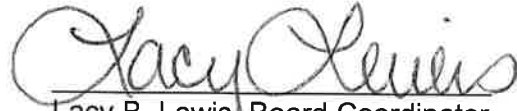
The May 14, 2019 Citizens Police Review Board meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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Brian Williams, Chair
Citizens Police Review Board

ATTEST:

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Lacy B. Lewis, Board Coordinator
Citizens Police Review Board

