

Citizens Police Review Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: February 13, 2018

Convened: 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Boardmembers Present:

David LaBrec
Mario Gutierrez
Joshua Vernon
Loren Gilbert-Smith
James Birdsong
Paul Hille, **Vice-Chair**
Brian Williams, **Chair**

Boardmembers Absent:

Ricky Phillips
Bill Freeman
David Kitner
Janice Coffee (Missed more than 50% of meeting)

Staff Present:

Dallas Police Department Internal Affairs
Pavala Armstrong, Assistant City Attorney, DPD
Mary Kate Bevel, Mayor and City Council's Office
Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager
Genesis D. Gavino, City Manager's Office
Thomas Taylor, Chief of Staff to Chief Hall, DPD

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Brian Williams called an Open Session of the Citizens Police Review Board meeting to order at 1:00p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Room L1FN – Conference Center 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 December 12, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017.

Motion by: Janice Coffee

Motion seconded by: Mario Gutierrez

Abstained: David LaBrec

Passed unanimously

2. Approval of 2017 Annual Report

Motion to approve the 2017 Annual Report.

Motion by: Janice Coffee

Motion seconded by: Joshua Vernon

Passed unanimously

3. Briefing Item: The Internal Affairs Process

Presenter: Major Reuben G. Ramirez, Dallas Police Department

- The DPD Internal Affairs are responsible for conducting independent administrative investigation of alleged misconduct by DPD employees, and to ensure due process is afforded to all department members in the discipline process.
- All complaints must be made in writing and must be signed by the complainant.
- All complaints are reviewed by Internal Affairs Division Commander
- Determination made to classification:
 - Cursory investigation reveals complaint did not meet criteria (non-investigation)
 - Control Number Investigation (IAD investigates)
 - Division Referral Investigation (Division Investigates)
- In 2015, DPD received 404 complaints, compared to 302 complaints in 2017.
- The majority of allegations are for discourtesy and unprofessionalism.
- Upon completion of the investigation, a finding will be attached based on the evidence developed during the investigation:
 - Unfounded: investigation determined the act(s) complained of did not occur
 - Exonerated: investigation revealed the act(s) complained of occurred, but were justified, lawful, and proper
 - Not sustained: investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation
 - Sustained: investigation disclosed a preponderance of evidence in support of the allegation made in the complaint
- Once an external complaint is completed, the citizen is contacted and notified of the finding and instructions on how to appeal to the CPRB
- 1/3 of DPD or 1,000 police officers have body cameras, with a goal of increasing that number
- Invitation for the Board to participate in ride-alongs, Blue Team trainings, reality-based trainings, and the review process
- Request to have future discussion on making the Board more visible to the public

Motion to add additional trainings, such as DPD ride-alongs, Blue Team trainings, and reality-based trainings, to the Board's member requirements

Motion by: Loren Gilbert-Smith

Motion seconded by: David LaBrec

Passed unanimously

- Public questions and comments on the process of filing a complaint with DPD Internal Affairs, and on the Citizen's Police Review Board's process and abilities

The February 13, 2018 Citizens Police Review Board Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:


Brian Williams, Chair
Citizens Police Review Board


Mary Kate Bevel, Board Coordinator
Citizens Police Review Board