

Citizens Police Review Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: September 11, 2018

Convened: 1:06 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:21 p.m.

Board members Present:

Janice Coffee
Loren Gilbert-Smith
James Birdsong
Mario Gutierrez
William Freeman
David LaBrec
Joshua Vernon
David Kitner
Paul Hille, **Vice-Chair**
Brian H. Williams, **Chair**

Board member(s) Absent:

Linda Lunn
Jesuorobo Enobakhare, Jr.
Perro WJ Henson

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Staff Present:

Dallas Police Department Internal Affairs
Pavala Armstrong, Assistant City Attorney
Mary Kate Bevel, City Manager's Office
Major Ramirez, DPD
Arlington Police Department
Fort Worth Police Department

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Chair Brian H. Williams called an Open Session of the Citizens Police Review Board meeting to order at 1:06 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 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 August 14, 2018 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018.

Motion by: Janice Coffee Motion seconded by: David Kitner

Passed unanimously.

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

A quorum was present for public hearings. Ms. Gilbert-Smith provided an overview of the Board's functions, limitations, powers, and the mission statement of the Board. The City Attorney's office verified that there was no pending litigation between the City and the speakers. All speakers were sworn in by Chair Williams.

2. Mr. Alpha Ly – CN2017-261

Mr. Ly was not present.

Motion to move this case to the next Board meeting.

Motion by: Paul Hille Motion seconded by: William Freeman

Item passed unanimously.

3. Ms. Theresa Sweeden – DR2018-016

Summary (Nature of Complaint)

On January 21, 2018, at approximately 2:22 p.m., Ms. Theresa Sweeden states that while she was changing clothes in a dressing room at a department store, Officer Holson #11156 looked at her while she was undressed inside the women's fitting room and demanded she come out of the room. Ms. Sweeden states that Officer Holson's conduct was improper.

The DPD Department that investigated was not present to provide an overview of the investigation. Ms. Sweeden recounted the incident. The Board discussed the allegations and findings of the investigation.

Allegation #1 – Improper Treatment

After an investigation, the allegation was classified as "EXONERATED."

Motion to postpone.

Motion by: David LaBrec Motion seconded by: Paul Hille

Discussion among board members.

Item failed on a divided vote.

Motion to send back to IAD for further investigation.

Motion by: David Kitner No Second

Item failed.

Motion to not concur with Internal Affairs' finding.

Motion by: Paul Hille Motion seconded by: David Kitner

Discussion among board members.

Item failed on a divided vote.

Motion to recommend that the City Manager request an apology from DPD to Ms. Sweeden.


Motion by: Loren Gilbert-Smith Motion seconded by: Paul Hille

Discussion among board members.

Item passed unanimously.

The September 11, 2018 Citizens Police Review Board meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Brian H. Williams, Chair
Citizens Police Review Board

ATTEST:



Mary Kate Bevel, Board Coordinator
Citizens Police Review Board