

Citizens Police Review Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: March 13, 2018

Convened: 1:03 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:56 p.m.

Board members Present:

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

Board member(s) Absent:

Ricky Phillips

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
Chief Hall, DPD
Major Ramierez, DPD
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 1:03p.m., Tuesday, March 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 February 13, 2018 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018.

Motion by: Joshua Vernon

Motion seconded by: David Kitner

Passed unanimously

2. Briefing Item: Public Trust and the CPRB

Presenters: Minister Dominique R. Alexander, Next Generation Action Network

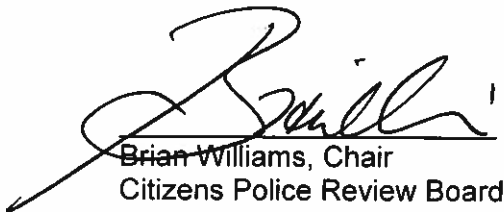
Bruce Orr

Joe Swanson

- Community groups came together to discuss recommendations regarding possible changes to the Citizens Police Review Board (CPRB) that they plan to bring to Chief Hall and eventually to the City Council.
- They gave a brief history of the Dallas CPRB. The current ordinance for the CPRB was written in 1988.
- Suggested areas of reform: structural independence, accountability, transparency, public outreach & engagement, procedural fairness, and training & monitoring.
- Some suggestions for the CPRB include:
 - Redefine subpoena power
 - Create independent investigative power
 - Gain access to evidence and documentation
 - Increase policy oversight
 - Strengthen power to impact policy and procedure
 - Begin public reporting; improved and maintained website
 - Expand accessibility to the complaint process
 - Facilitate communication with the public in high profile misconduct cases
 - Create process and deadlines for IAD investigations
 - Begin cultural competency and similar trainings for Board members
- The briefing was followed by discussion between the Board and the presenters regarding:
 - Training options for Board members
 - Public accessibility to the system and complaint process
 - Models that other cities use
 - Keeping the Board involved in future discussions and decisions regarding potential changes to the Board
 - A timeline will be determined after deciding specific recommendations

The March 13, 2018 Citizens Police Review Board Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


Brian Williams, Chair
Citizens Police Review Board

ATTEST:


Mary Kate Bevel, Board Coordinator
Citizens Police Review Board