

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date: June 8, 2023

Scheduled Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: City Space

Board Members Attending: William Mendez (Chair), Jeffrey Fracher (Vice Chair), Lakesia Washington, James Watson, Charles Fleming (Remote)

Board Members Not Attending: Susan Krischel, George Dillard, Patricia Jones Turner

Guests: Charlottesville Chief of Police Michael Kochis, Major LaTroy A. Durette, Pamela O' Berry, Esq., Miss Cortney Hawkins.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM

Announcements: Presentation of Citation to Major Latroy A. Durette of the Charlottesville Police Department for contributions made to the PCOB during his tenure as Interim Chief of Police.

Approval of Agenda: Vice Chair Jeff Fracher moved to approve the agenda without amendment, member James Watson seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Member James Watson moved to approve the April 13, 2023, and May 11, 2023, Minutes without amendment, seconded by Vice Chair Jeff Fracher. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker Presentation: Charlottesville Police Department Chief of Police Michael Kochis discussed revisions he implemented to the Biased-Based Policing Policy. Chief Kochis adopted the PCOB recommended definition for Biased-Based Policing.

Public Comments (I): Miss Cortney Hawkins, Diversity Officer for the University of Virginia Police Department made a presentation concerning training programs that are available beginning the Fall of 2023. Miss Hawkins discussed new courses that train police officers in hate crime identification, LGBTQ+ Awareness and effective communication skills.

Mr. Jeff Fogel, Esq. made comments concerning biased-based policing.

Mr. Harold Folley Senior Organizer Civil Rights and Racial Justice Program discussed the DMC Report (Disproportionate Minority Contact Report).

Mr. Brown Legal Aid Justice Center had questions concerning what information involving complaints against police department personnel can be revealed to the public.

Executive Director's Report:

Professional Standards Division

Year-To-Date External Complaints

15 Total Complaints, 5 Service-Related Inquiries, 2 Unfounded, 3 Exonerated, 4 Sustained

June 2023 Complaints = 0

May 2023 Complaints = 4

3 Internal, 1 External, 3 Closed (Sustained), 1 Pending (Internal)

PCOB Complaints

Year-To-Date Compliments

1 Total

Year-To-Date Complaints

3 Total, 3 Pending

Complaints Filed Utilizing Oversight by Sivil Portal Since Its Implementation

6 Total, 6 Pending

Citizens may file a complaint utilizing:

Sivil Portal, Email, Written Correspondence, Telephone, Fax

Chair Mendez provided a brief update concerning the progress of the Desk Book being created as a guide for hearing examiners.

Public Comments (Second): No members of the public asked to make comments.

Adjournment: The Vice Chair moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Watson. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at approximately 7:26 PM.