

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date: December 14, 2023

Scheduled Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: City Space

Board Members Attending: William Mendez (Chair) Jeffrey Fracher (Vice Chair) George Dillard, James Watson (Remote),

Board Members Not Attending: Lakeshia Washington, Charles Fleming, Patricia Jones-Turner

Guests: Ashley Cinalli-Mathews Co-Director Central Virginia Community Justice

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

Announcements: Chair Mendez notified the Board that Board Member Susan Krischel resigned due to health issues. Chair Mendez mentioned that several individuals have expressed an interest in applying to become Board members.

Approval of Agenda: Chair Mendez requested unanimous consent for the approval of the agenda. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes: Chair Mendez requested unanimous consent for the approval of the minutes. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker Presentation: Director Ashley Cinalli-Mathews made a presentation concerning the mission of the organization, which includes facilitating restorative conferences to divert cases away from the criminal justice system, as well as to repair harms outside of the system.

Vote to Extinguish By-Laws:

The Chair and Vice-Chair attempted to secure a vote to extinguish By-Laws established in 2019 and replace them with the Operating Procedures approved by the City Council in December of 2022. The vote could not take place as there was not a quorum of four voting members.

Public Comments (First): No Public Comments

Executive Director's Report:

PCOB Management Analyst I – Position is now live and has been posted on several job boards including the City of Charlottesville Human Resources webpage.

PCOB Board Member Vacancy has been posted.

PCOB Budget presented to the City Council for their review.

PCOB Budget presented to the City Manager for his review and approval.

PCOB and CPD working on information sharing Standard Operating Procedures that will hopefully facilitate the release of information by the CPD to the PCOB so that the PCOB may resume its function as set out by the enabling ordinance.

Creation of the PCOB Investigations manual – In progress.

Creation of the PCOB Audit manual – In progress.

Met with complainant and her attorney (Review request voted on in October) to discuss the Executive Director's findings.

One complaint received by the PCOB and forwarded to the CPD. The PCOB is unable to accept or investigate complaints until the information sharing agreement between the PCOB and the CPD is finalized.

Chair Mendez lead a discussion concerning the CPD's Professional Traffic Stops General Order (541.18) and requested Board members submit their opinion / recommendations for revision to the Executive Director.

Public Comments (Second):

Susan Perry made an inquiry concerning pretextual stops.

Cameron McBride commented on the 5th Amendment and its application to motor vehicle stops.

Adjournment: Chair Mendez called for unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.