

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date: March 14, 2024

Scheduled Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Board Members Attending: William Mendez (Chair) Jeffrey Fracher (Vice Chair) Lakeshia Washington, James Watson, Al Pola.

Board Members Not Attending: George Dillard, Cameron McBride

Guests: N/A

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

Announcements: Chair Mendez acknowledged that the City Council has appointed two new members to the PCOB.

Approval of Agenda: Vice Chair Fracher moved to have Agenda amended to include a brief discussion on the Charlottesville Police Department's Professional Traffic Stops General Order. 2nd by James Watson. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes: Chair Mendez called for unanimous consent for the approval of the January 11, 2024, minutes. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

Introduction of New Members: Mr. Al Pola briefly introduced himself. Each Board Member introduced themselves to Mr. Pola.

Discussion:

Chair Mendez briefly discussed that the PCOB still has a vacancy on the Board for a Social Justice Representative.

Chair Mendez updated Board members on the status of the Standard Operating Procedures for Information Sharing between the PCOB and the Charlottesville Police Department. Both the Chair and the Executive Director have submitted their remarks on the DRAFT SOP and are awaiting a decision by the City Manager on next steps.

Chair Mendez discussed changes he feels are necessary to the current enabling ordinance. Chair Mendez explained that recommendations for those changes are pending until the Information Sharing Agreement is approved by the City Manager, as the potential changes are linked directly to the Information Sharing SOP.

Chair Mendez reminded members that there is an annual training requirement establish by ordinance. He discussed potential upcoming training for PCOB Board members that is specific to the City of Charlottesville (in addition to any future training from NACOLE).

Chair Mendez encouraged Board members to participate in the Charlottesville Police Department's Citizen Police Academy.

Chair Mendez discussed the Charlottesville Police Department's General Order concerning Professional Traffic Stops. The Chair requested that the Executive Director redistribute the General Order, as we have two new members.

Chair Mendez requested an update concerning the hiring of a Management Analyst. Executive Director Gonzalez advised that the first round of interviews has been completed and the 2nd and final round of interviews is pending a response from Human Resources concerning their availability to assist with the process.

Member James Watson proposed that the Board consider the possibility of participating in a retreat. Member Watson reminded members of the retreat the PCOB participated in previously and volunteered to research what would be involved in doing that again.

Public Comments: Kate Fraleigh asked if the PCOB will be attending the upcoming council meeting where the Chief will be discussing the FLOCK camera system and if the PCOB will be taking a position on FLOCK publicly.

Chair Mendez advised Ms. Fraleigh that he has already provided official remarks concerning FLOCK and that they are available to the public.

Adjournment: Chair Mendez called for unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.