

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date: May 23, 2024

Scheduled Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: City Space

Board Members Attending: William Mendez (Chair), Jeffrey Fracher (Vice Chair), Cameron McBride, Lakeshia Washington (Virtual), James Watson.

Board Members Not Attending: Al Pola (Attending Citizen Police Academy), George Dillard (Death in the Family)

Guests: N/A

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

Announcements: Vice-Chair Fracher discussed the upcoming Region Ten Festival at Riverside Park on Friday, May 24, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Chair Mendez called for a unanimous vote for the approval of the agenda. Hearing no objections, agenda approved.

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

Use of Force Training / Presentation: Chief Michael Kochis and Commonwealth Attorney Joseph Platania provided training concerning Use of Force.

Upon completion of the training Chief Kochis and Commonwealth Attorney Platania took questions from members of the Board, as well as from members of the community present at the meeting.

Public Comments: Kate Fraleigh asked about whether the CPD was involved in the decision making involved in having the State Police respond to the University of Virginia's student protests.

Ms. Fraleigh made an inquiry involving a potentially false arrest that allegedly took place at the hands of the Charlottesville Police Department. Neither the Board nor the Executive Director were aware of this allegation. Ms. Fraleigh was advised to forward her complaint to the Board so we can forward it to the Office of Internal Affairs as we cannot yet investigate complaints due to the pending status of the Information Sharing Agreement.

Adjournment: Chair Mendez called for unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.