

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date: June 13, 2024

Scheduled Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: City Space

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

Board Members Not Attending: George Dillard (Death in the Family), James Watson (Juneteenth Celebration Brooks YMCA), Cameron McBride (Unknown).

Guests: N/A

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM

Announcements: Chair advised the Board of an upcoming NACOLE Webinar titled, “Principles Governing Police Community Encounters” schedule for June 27th, 2024, at 3:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Chair Mendez proposed an amendment to the agenda to eliminate Item VIII “Closing the Gap – Toward a Mission Statement”, Replacing it with “Independent Council Apparent Conflict of Interest”. Second by Vice-Chair Fracher. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of the Minutes: Chair Mendez called for the approval of the May 23, 2024, minutes. Motion to accept as written by Vice-Chair Fracher, Second by Al Pola. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Chair Mendez advised the Board that he will be sending out a Draft Communication Guideline to the Board and would like their input.

Chair Mendez discussed the CPD’s decision to rescind the PCOB’s access to information until an Information Sharing Agreement was finalized. Chair Mendez mentioned that the SOP has been finalized but did not incorporate recommendations made by the PCOB.

Chair Mendez and the PCOB Executive Director provided an update concerning the Management Analyst position. The Management Analyst was selected and will begin pending successful completion of background investigation.

Chair Mendez discussed the perceived conflict of interest concerning the PCOB and the City of Charlottesville being represented by the same law firm. Sands Anderson was recently contracted by the City of Charlottesville to fill in as acting city attorney during the current city attorney’s leave of absence.

Public Comments: Reporter Anastasiia Carrier asked if the PCOB’s lawyer asked for consent before agreeing to represent the City of Charlottesville.

Adjournment: Chair Mendez called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn made by Vice-Chair Fracher, second by Al Pola. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:50 PM.