

**City of Albany**  
**Citizens' Police Review Board**

**Thursday, April 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**  
University at Albany, Downtown Campus - Milne Hall, Levitt Room (M120)  
135 Western Ave, Albany, N.Y.

**M E E T I N G M I N U T E S**

**Present:** Larry Becker, Mickey Bradley, Reverend Victor Collier, Charles Goodbee, Ivy Morris, Kerry Mulligan

**Excused Absence(s):** Mike Grady, Maritza Martinez

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Vice-Chair Mickey Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

Board member Charles Goodbee motioned to approve the Agenda. Board member Ivy Morris seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. New Business**

*A. New Complaint(s)*

1. Two complaint summaries were presented for complaints received by the Board since its last meeting on March 10, 2016, to provide Board members with a second opportunity to vote for an investigation monitor.
  - i. **CPRB No. 09-16 / OPS No. CC2016-006** - No monitor assigned
  - ii. **CPRB No. 11-16 / OPS No. CC2016-014** - No monitor assigned
2. *Complaints for Board Review (\*see Table 1)*

*B. Appointment of New Members to the Committee on Complaint Review*

Board Members Larry Becker, Mickey Bradley, Reverend Victor Collier, Charles Goodbee, and Ivy Morris all agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

*C. Approval of 2015 Second Quarterly Report*

Board member Larry Becker motioned to approve the 2015 Second Quarterly Report. Chair Mickey Bradley seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. *Committee/Task Force Reports*

By-Laws and Rules

No report at this time.

Education and Community Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris reported that the GLC is currently updating Citizen Complaint Forms. The GLC has coordinated new complaint form locations at all Albany Public Library branches following a Committee discussion during its last meeting held on March 21, 2016.

Volunteer and student graphic designers have been solicited by Committee members to possibly design a CPRB promotional pop-up banner graphic image. The GLC will place the banner order once a design is finalized for use at planned participation at local community events.

Ms. Morris and Maureen Obie attended a Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program Forum coordinated by Dr. Alice Green and held at the South End Capital Center on March 29, 2016. Ms. Morris added that the forum was informative, noting that a harm reduction approach to criminal offenses is a positive step.

Board members were reminded to complete and submit general surveys received from NACOLE.

The Committee currently has one member vacancy, and Board members were invited to join.

Mediation

No report at this time.

Police Department Liaison

Committee Chair Mickey Bradley reported that there are no updates at this time.

Public Official Liaison

No report at this time.

Task Force on Monitors

Committee Co-Chair Larry Becker reported that the Committee plans to schedule a meeting to discuss improving general monitor services as well as several recent issues.

E. *Report from the Government Law Center*

Coordinator for the CPRB Maureen Obie reported that effective April 11, 2016, there were 34 active complaints before the Board for review. Of those 34 active complaints, 2 were reviewed by the Board at tonight's meeting. This leaves the Board with 32 active complaints. There are currently 2 cases ready to go on the next meeting Agenda. A total of 644 complaints have been closed, including 32 complaints that have been closed with no review. The total number of complaints that remain suspended from review is 9. The total number of complaints filed to date is 724. Since the Board's last meeting on March 10, 2016, the GLC received 1 grievance form, leaving the total number of forms received at 584. The Board's outreach to all individuals remains at 144 CPRB complaint forms received, or 27%.

Ms. Obie advised that the CPRB currently has one Common Council member vacancy following David Rozen's resignation. The Common Council Public Safety Committee voted unanimously on March 7, 2016, to reappoint Board member Kerry Mulligan to her first full term.

CPRB Research Assistant, Veronica Barber, was congratulated on her upcoming graduation from Albany Law School. Michael Lei, a CPRB Research Assistant, has been offered another opportunity for employment during this summer and the 2016-2017 academic year. We also wish Mr. Lei the best of luck.

A draft version of the 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report was previously distributed to Board members for review and/or approval during tonight's meeting. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Reports, drafted by Michael Lei, are expected to be forwarded to Board members in final draft form prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Obie and GLC Director Ray Brescia participated in a conference call with Kathryn Olson on April 7, 2016, to discuss the GLC's relationship with the CPRB, grant funding details, and staffing for the CPRB. Ms. Olson is past-President of NACOLE and was contracted as a consultant to conduct review board research on behalf of the City of Pasadena, CA. Ms. Olson plans to forward to the GLC a copy of her final report.

Ms. Obie participated in the NACOLE webinar, "Police Data Initiatives," on April 5, 2016. NACOLE has a slate of approximately 5 additional webinars planned for this year; exact dates/times are to be determined. She and Board members Kerry Mulligan, Mike Grady, and Reverend Collier plan to attend the NACOLE Academic Symposium on April 21, 2016, at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan. Board members should arrange their travel and hotel accommodations and submit receipts for reimbursement upon their return.

Six Board members to date have indicated an interest in attending the 2016 NACOLE Annual Conference in Riverside, CA. Hotel reservations will be reserved by the GLC as early as next week to ensure conveniently located accommodations. The GLC will also process conference registrations for Board members during the next several weeks.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at Albany Law School, in the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom (DAMC).

F. *Report from the Office of Professional Standards*

Commander Michael Hicks pointed out that drastic changes made to the Citizen Complaint Form should be carefully considered by all stakeholders before finalizing any revisions and informing the public regarding the change.

G. *Report from the Chair*

Chair Mickey Bradley thanked Board members for participating in a productive retreat. He noted that he attended a "Know Your Rights" seminar coordinated by the ACLU, as well as a LEAD Public Forum, and he recommended participation at such events to Board members. He further suggested that Board members provide updates to one another following participation at important community events.

IV. **Public Comment**

Common Council Member and Public Safety Committee member Leah Golby reported that the deadline for applications for CPRB vacancies is tomorrow. Currently only one application has been received. Ms. Golby requested that directional building signs be posted for meeting attendees who enter the building from various entrances.

V. **Adjournment**

Board member Reverend Victor Collier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member Kerry Mulligan seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Grady  
Secretary

*MICHAEL A. GRADY*

**\*Table 1 Complaints for Board Review**

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#10-15 / CC2015-025	Co. alleged APD officers pulled her over for a missing headlight and smelled marijuana; alleged officers performed unnecessary tests and attempted to prevent Co. from passing; alleged as she exited Albany Medical Center, officers used unnecessary force and later placed a spit mask on her in booking that restricted breathing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrest Authority &amp; Handling</li> <li>2. Arrest Authority &amp; Handling</li> <li>3. Arrest Authority &amp; Handling</li> <li>4. Arrest Authority &amp; Handling</li> <li>5. Arrest Authority &amp; Handling</li> <li>6. Arrest Authority &amp; Handling</li> <li>7. Use of Force</li> <li>8. Use of Force</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exonerated</li> <li>2. Exonerated</li> <li>3. Exonerated</li> <li>4. Exonerated</li> <li>5. Unfounded</li> <li>6. Ineffective Policy or Training</li> <li>7. Unfounded</li> <li>8. Unfounded</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exonerated</li> <li>2. Exonerated</li> <li>3. Exonerated</li> <li>4. Exonerated</li> <li>5. Unfounded</li> <li>6. Board vote did not pass.</li> <li>7. Unfounded</li> <li>8. Unfounded</li> </ol>
#11-15 / CC2015-022	Co. alleged in response to her 911 call APD dispatched too many officers in response to her son's refusal to comply with officers' directions; alleged Co. was shoved against a wall and handcuffs were applied too tightly; alleged during altercation her eyeglasses were stepped on; alleged incident resulted in 3-day hospital stay.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use of Force</li> <li>2. Use of Force</li> <li>3. Conduct Standards</li> <li>4. Prisoner Conduct (Injury)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not Sustained</li> <li>2. Not Sustained</li> <li>3. Unfounded</li> <li>4. Exonerated</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not Sustained</li> <li>2. Not Sustained</li> <li>3. Unfounded</li> <li>4. Exonerated</li> </ol>