

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

**Thursday, June 9, 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, Zach Garafalo, Charles Goodbee, Mike Grady, Maritza Martinez, Ivy Morris, Kerry Mulligan

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

Chair Mickey Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

Board member Larry Becker motioned to approve the Agenda. Board member Reverend Victor Collier seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Old Business**

*A. Complaint(s) for Board Review (\*see Table 1)*

1. CPRB No. 04-15 / OPS No. 2015-007

**IV. New Business**

*A. New Complaint(s)*

1. 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, Zach Garafalo, Charles Goodbee, Mike Grady, Maritza Martinez, Ivy Morris, and Kerry Mulligan all agreed to review complaints for the next meeting.

*C. Committee/Task Force Reports*

By-Laws and Rules

No report at this time.

Education and Community Outreach

Committee Chair Ivy Morris reported that plans for a community information session to be held at Citizen Action of New York were approved by the Committee during its last meeting held on May 18, 2016. A committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, June 10, 2016, at Citizen Action's offices for the purpose of confirming an event date. Ms. Morris invited all Board members' input regarding content for the information session.

Ms. Morris noted that Citizen Action board members have expressed an interest in receiving general CPRB information for the purpose of providing information and direction to community members.

#### Mediation

Committee Chair Maritza Martinez reported that there were no updates at this time.

#### Police Department Liaison

Committee Chair Mike Grady proposed that a casual Committee meeting be scheduled in order to gather feedback regarding potential future projects.

#### Public Official Liaison

Committee Chair Mickey Bradley reported that Common Council recently appointed Zach Garafalo to serve on the CPRB, and he welcomed Mr. Garafalo to the Board.

#### Task Force on Monitors

Committee Co-Chair Larry Becker reported that GLC research assistants are currently surveying other civilian law enforcement review boards in New York State regarding standard practices.

#### *D. Report from the Government Law Center (GLC)*

Coordinator for the CPRB Maureen Obie reported that as of June 6, 2016, there were 26 active complaints before the Board for review. Of those 26 active complaints, 6 were reviewed and closed by the Board at tonight's meeting. One additional complaint was closed by the Board with no review leaving the Board with 19 active complaints. There are currently 6 cases ready for the Board's review during its next meeting. A total of 687 complaints have been closed, including 34 complaints that have been closed with no review. The total number of complaints that remain suspended from review is 13. The total number of complaints filed to date is 724. Since the Board's last meeting on May 12, 2016, the GLC received 4 Grievance Forms, leaving the total number of forms received at 593. The Board's outreach to all individuals remains at 144 CPRB complaint forms received, or 27%.

Ms. Obie congratulated the CPRB for having no current member vacancies due to the recent appointment by Common Council of Board Member Zach Garafalo.

A 2015 4th Quarter Report was distributed today via email to Board members. A 2015 3rd Quarter Report will be forwarded for review by early next week pending approval for both reports at the September 8, 2016, meeting.

Ms. Obie advised that the GLC's candidate search for a new Director continues and is expected to conclude within the next several weeks.

The 2016 Annual National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on September 25-29. Four Board members have confirmed plans to attend NACOLE this year; the GLC has coordinated all conference registrations and hotel reservations.

The Board's next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the University at Albany Downtown Campus, in Milne Hall, Levitt Room (M120).

**E. Report from the Office of Professional Standards**

Commander Michael Hicks reported that APD will hold a public Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at the Albany Public Library's Main Branch. Board members were invited to review draft policy documents previously distributed; Board members should forward any questions to his office or to Maureen Obie prior to the meeting. The current draft BWC policy is a preliminary version, pending input received from community stakeholders. Several camera models will be piloted in order to determine which product best suits APD's needs. Camera footage will be available for the purpose of investigating complaints as soon as this summer, although the angle and position of the images captured may need to be addressed.

The last of APD's Community Implicit Bias Trainings will take place on Monday evening, at 6:00 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center on Whitehall Road.

**F. Report from the Chair**

Chair Mickey Bradley repeated the request for an Ad Hoc Task Force to be assembled during the Board's summer hiatus in order to address recommendations contained in University at Albany Center for Human Research's CPRB research study.

Chair Bradley thanked Board members for all of their hard work accomplished. He noted that an additional Board meeting in September may be requested in order to address the number of complaints that are currently ready for review.

**V. Public Comment**

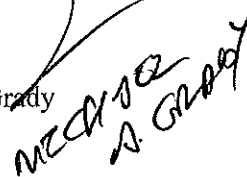
Common Council member and Public Safety Committee Chair Leah Golby expressed her appreciation for the Board's thoughtful approach to reviewing complaint investigations. Ms. Golby has observed that community members who attend CPRB meetings appreciate the Board's careful explanation of its policies and procedures. Ms. Golby advised that Board member Zach Garafalo is currently also a member of the Albany Community Policing Advisory Council (ACPAC). Discussion followed regarding the CPRB and the ACPAC and both groups' missions and goals.

**VI. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Grady  
Secretary



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

<b>CPRB / OPS NO.</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>ALLEGATIONS</b>	<b>OPS FINDING</b>	<b>CPRB FINDING / ACTION</b>
<b>#04-15 / CC2015-007 (Old Business)</b>	Co. alleged he sustained injuries as a result of officer's using force upon him and that the officer's lost Co.'s earrings and money.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use of Force</li> <li>2. Evidence &amp; Property Handling</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exonerated</li> <li>2. Not Sustained</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board vote did not pass</li> <li>2. Ineffective Policy &amp; Training</li> </ol>
<b>#19-15 / CC2015-041</b>	Co. alleged he was illegally stopped and detained by officers. Co. alleged the officers were unprofessional, made racial slurs and planted evidence on him which he was subsequently arrested for.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrest Authority &amp; Procedures</li> <li>2. Conduct Standards</li> <li>3. Conduct Standards</li> <li>4. Use of Force</li> <li>5. Arrest Authority &amp; Procedures</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exonerated</li> <li>2. Unfounded</li> <li>3. Not Sustained</li> <li>4. Unfounded</li> <li>5. Exonerated</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exonerated</li> <li>2. Unfounded</li> <li>3. Not Sustained</li> <li>4. Unfounded</li> <li>5. Exonerated</li> </ol>
<b>#23-15 / CC2015-043</b>	Co. alleged she was at work and received a call that APD officers entered her property with no warrant; it is alleged that officers demolished her house and took all of her money out of her safe.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call Handling</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exonerated</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exonerated</li> </ol>
<b>#31-15/ CC2015-054</b>	Co. alleged that during a traffic stop APD officers acted unprofessionally and engaged him in an altercation; Co. also alleged the officer laughed at him, and is harassing him.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrest Authority &amp; Procedures</li> <li>2. Conduct Standards</li> <li>3. Conduct Standards</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unfounded</li> <li>2. Not Sustained</li> <li>3. Unfounded</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unfounded</li> <li>2. Not Sustained</li> <li>3. Unfounded</li> </ol>

CPRB / OPS NO.	SUMMARY	ALLEGATIONS	OPS FINDING	CPRB FINDING / ACTION
#36-15/ CC2015-066	Co. alleged that after being stopped by an APD patrol car she felt targeted for being a minority.	1. Conduct Standards	1. Unfounded	1. Unfounded
#39-15/ CC2015-067	Co. alleged an APD officer was mean and aggressive towards her, looked through her house without permission, and laughed at her, during a landlord/tenant issue.	1. Conduct Standards 2. Call Handling 3. Call Handling	1. Unfounded 2. Unfounded 3. Not Sustained	1. Not Sustained 2. Unfounded 3. Not Sustained
#09-16/ CC2016-006	Co. alleged that an APD officer told her to “shut her f—g mouth” and was confrontational at Albany Medical Center.	n/a	n/a	Complaint <u>withdrawn</u> by complainant.  Action: Board voted to “Close with No Review.”