



CITY OF ALBANY'S COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

The Albany Community Development Agency

200 Henry Johnson Blvd.

October 10, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

➤ **Board Members present:** Ivy Morris, Warren Hamilton, Larry Becker, Veneilya Harden, Zach Garafalo, Matt Ingram, Jellisa Joseph

➤ **GLC Staff present:** Andy Ayers and Lisa Rivage

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call (I. Morris & V. Harden)
600 pm
- II. Approval of the Agenda (I. Morris)
 - Agenda approved unanimously.
- IV. Reference Manual (I. Morris)
Working Document. Nothing to approve.
- V. Approval of May Minutes (I. Morris)
 - Moved to the end of the meeting.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. **Public Comment** (Public)
 - No public comment.
 - Thanks to Lisa. Larry Becker expressed his gratitude for Attending the NACOLE Conference.
 - B. **Report from the Office of Professional Standards** (Cmdr. A. Battuello)
 - Welcome! APD is looking to hire dispatchers.
 - Moving forward, Lt. Mark Decker will be the point of contact for OPS.
 - APD is @ 47 vacancies of sworn personnel.
 - The goal is to add 40 new personnel to the winter training session.
 - The City of Albany is also looking to hire nine non-sworn personnel in the Communications Department.
 - Cmdr. Battuello began March 2019 and has made is goal is to address the timeliness of processing community complaints.
 - Zach - Timeliness with address complaints? Are you able to cross - reference staffing behaviors based on amount of time worked?
 - Larry - How can the board assist with diversity? 50-A: with regard to lateral movement to neighboring police departments?

- Jellisa - Timelines of testing? Early Warning System? Since 2012, a software system called Blue Team documents use of force by officers. How are thresholds established? Is there any data that correlates use of force to arrests? No. Is there a limitation on how long supervisor, can track?
- Matt - Applicant pool declining?
 - Warren - Failure to follow police procedure. How is it tracked? What are the parameters for audit procedures? Operational issues (Delay to audio – 30 sec.)? What are some strategies APD is employing for recruitment and community policing?

C. NACOLE Meeting wrap-up (V. Harden, L. Becker W. Hamilton)

- *Veneilya: What can we (Albany CPRB) do better for community transparency and support?* Ride-a-longs
- *Larry:*
Recorded the Key Notes.
Independent Council.
Lawful, but awful.
Community buy-in.
- *Warren: Will promulgate observations for recommendations to Common Council.*

D. Committee Reports

- i. By-Laws and Rules - Update (M. Ingram)
 - Nothing new.
- ii. Outreach and Education - Update (Z. Garafalo)
 - Warren and Zach tabled at Mississippi Day. Presented at Upper. Washington Neighbor Association.
 - CPRB is cross promoting with “A Block At A Time” events.
 - PSA for the board (Budget).
 - Community calendar for the board.
 - Full board meeting request.
- iii. Mediation (Rev. V. Collier)
 - No updates
- iv. Police Department Liaison (V. Harden)
 - ADHOC meeting with APD Command staff in August surrounding issues regarding the CPRB Coordinator and ride-a-longs.
- v. Monitor Task Force (L. Becker)
 - Looking for diverse field of new Monitors.
 - The Chief is doing a live show with Larry 11/7 between 3 and 5.
- vi. Public Official Liaison (I. Morris)
 - Looking forward to working with our new Chief.

F. Report from the Government Law Center (A. Ayers)

- Updated the Reference Manual.
- Website update and merchandising: *Albany CPRB.org*
- The GLC met with Cmdr. Battuello to discuss process etc.
- Task Force for a new Community Complaint Form

- Public Safety Committee: update on findings. Matt suggested the update for “findings” to common council should be housed with-in the By-Laws Committee.
- Senate Hearing for 50a will be held on October 24th.
- “Act it Out.” Larry wants to create a *how to* on keeping yourself safe when dealing with police encounters.

G. Report from the Chair

(I. Morris)

- May Meeting Minutes will be addressed at the next meeting.

H. Adjournment

(I. Morris)