

**CITY OF ALBANY
COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD
BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

[Via Zoom](#)

MEETING MINUTES

I. Attendance

Board Members Present: Nairobi Vives, Matt Ingram, Dr. Veneilya Harden, Victor Person, Larry Becker

Also Present: Matt DeLaus, Ruchi Patel, Elizabeth Moran (GLC interns)

The meeting started at 5:30PM.

II. Discussion about Local Law J draft:

(M. Ingram)

- Discussion about work of GLC interns who are compiling [a list of other plans](#) (EO 203) throughout New York State.
- M. Ingram stated that there were proposals regarding automating traffic enforcement that the Board did not provide in their recommendations to Common Council. Inquired about if Board is interested in providing recommendations.
- Alternative enforcement methods related to transforming police – N. Vives described a plan in Utica that involves developing civil units that would replace law enforcement officers. Suggests proposals should be separate from legislation. The alternative enforcement methods should be included in the plan that is proposed to support the amendments to Local Law J.
- 2/1/2021 Local Law J draft and CPRB amendments were shared with the Board for review. Informal discussion about the current status and draft that is being reviewed by Common Council.
- N. Vives explained that draft was passed out of Committee with the agreement that some amendments would be made.
- M. Ingram discusses that types of surveys that are being referenced in the Local Law J draft do not reflect the type of survey he was describing in the Board's proposal to Common Council. N. Vives **recommended that instead trying to get those changes in the current draft to consider amending the Bylaws to require the particular survey type and structure that M. Ingram described.** Informal discussion about referencing a model survey using language "such as this [model survey](#)."
- N. Vives inquired about the Board's perspective of Powers and Duties § 42-343(a); Investigation of Complaints G. Part 8 regarding the disciplinary matrix and disciplinary and suspension powers. P. Collins-Hackett thinks the proposed plan is unlikely. Informal discussion about use of sustained language. L. Becker suggests getting legislatures interested in movement to support the mission of the Board. P. Collins-Hackett and N. Vives agree with L. Becker's suggestion.

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- N. Vives described the content of EO 203 of the Anderson Series and made suggestions about **statewide efforts such as writing a letter expressing support for specific comprehensive statewide legislation.** L.Becker and M. Ingram agree with this approach.
- M. Ingram inquired about if NACOLE has been acquiring and consolidating practices from around the country?
- M. Ingram suggests language about racial bias audit in Board proposal is added to the existing draft of Local Law J. N. Vives agrees.
- M. Ingram suggests traffic enforcement model save the rest for another discussion aiming for further recommendations and take a look at the other plans being proposed around the state and figure out what proposals the Board wants to put their name behind. L. Becker mentions an audit performed 12 years ago in Albany obtaining data about citizen's traffic enforcement experience. **Board will need to find the information to see if the report is available.**
- Informal discussion about traffic surveillance and the logistics that would minimize concerns. N. Vives suggested Board work on getting information about what other boards are doing.
- P. Collins-Hackett inquired if Common Council members can vote for a portion of Local Law J if the disciplinary section is in dispute? No. A. Ayers responded that they have the option to remove it or leave it in and not implement it, briefly describes litigation in Rochester regarding the disciplinary section of their legislation.

III. **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.

(M. Ingram)