



Board

Present Brooke Burns, Chair
Present Dr. Chenelle Jones, Vice Chair
Present Dr. James Ford
Present Willard McIntosh, Jr.
Present Pastor Richard Nathan
Present Kellye Pinkleton
Present Kyle Strickland
Present Rev. Charles Tatum
Absent Josue' Vicente
Present Mary Younger

Guests

Present Jacqueline Hendricks
Present Richard Blunt II
Present Stephanie Brock
Present Robert Tobias
Present Tiara Ross

WELCOME

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 2:01PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Rev. Charles Tatum made a motion; Kellye Pinkleton seconded to approve the March 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

UPDATE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Inspector General Hendricks gave the Civilian Police Review Board a monthly summary for the Department of the Inspector General for the month of March. She advised the CPRB to contact her if they have any questions or concerns about the summary.

REVIEW OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

REVIEW OF REMAINING CASES FROM MARCH MEETING:

Committee #2: 23-1475, 23-1537, 23-1643, 23-1682 and 23-1849

REVIEW OF CASES ASSIGNED IN MARCH:

Committee #1: 23-1506, 23-1668, 23-1807, 23-1808, 23-1855, and 23-1914

Committee #3: 23-1545, 23-1759, 23-1788, 23-1812 and 23-1900

Committee #2: 23-1285, 23-1670, 23-1736, 23-1778, 23-1848 and 23-1901

2023-1475:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged on September 23, 2023, officers served an arrest warrant and she sustained two broken ribs, a concussion and a dislocated shoulder during the incident.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Kyle Strickland



Second: Dr. James Ford
Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1537:

Allegation:

1. The complainant on September 29, 2023 they called the Domestic Violence Unit to speak with Detective Place, and another detective took the call and was rude to him.
2. The complainant alleged he asked the detective who took the call on September 29, 2023 for his name and badge number, and he refused to give the information.
3. The complainant alleged on October 5, 2023 he called the Domestic Violence Unit, to speak with Detective Place, and the detective who previously answered, took the call and refused to provide his name and badge number.
4. The complainant alleged the detective who took the call, was rude and hung the phone up on him.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded
3. Unfounded
4. Unfounded

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1643:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged CPD responded to a domestic violence incident and the suspect was only charged with a misdemeanor for striking a child in the face, who now has a black eye.
2. The complainant alleged FCCS was not notified or called out from the domestic violence incident.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated
2. Unfounded

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1682:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged Officer H. improperly treated him during a traffic stop.
2. The complainant alleged he was racially profiled by Officer H.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded



Motion: Kyle Strickland
Second: Dr. James Ford
Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Rev. Charles Tatum: Why is the name of the investigator no longer on the case report?

IG Hendricks: There have been threats made against the investigators on some social media platforms. The final reports have to be reviewed and approved by me so I am responsible for what decisions and recommendations are made, so all reports will have my name on them.

Kyle Strickland: Is there anything that the City of Columbus is able to do for the protections of the Investigators?

IG Hendricks: We have reached out and there are discussions taking place.

2023-1849:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged on December 5, 2023, CPD failed to respond to numerous calls for assistance regarding a disturbed individual who was “gesticulating” and yelling in the area of 500 S. Front Street.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1506:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged on multiple occasions in August and September of 2023 the officer engaged in sexual activity with a store employee.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1668:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged officers responded to her home and watched her 19-year-old daughter vandalize property inside and outside her home and her vehicle, and advised her daughter it is okay to vandalize the complainant’s property.
2. The complainant alleged officers told her to “shut up” and “go into the other room”.
3. The complainant alleged the officers refused to provide her with their badge numbers.

Recommendation:



1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded
3. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation

Allegation:

1. The Columbus DIG's review found that a focus officer used profanity and exhibited unprofessional behavior during his interaction with the complainant.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1807:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged that officers on a run involving possible child abuse did not take the situation seriously by declining to speak to the children, declining to look at the children, referring to one of the allegedly abused children as a "problem child," and in stating that "physical discipline is necessary with children like."

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1808:

Allegation:

1. The complaint alleged Officer O. failed to make an arrest.
1. The complainant alleged Officer A. failed to make an arrest.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated
1. Exonerated

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous



2023-1855:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer was bias and was unfair when the officer saw a “young black boy” barely conscious and was going to issue him a ticket for failure to control a vehicle.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1914:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the CPD detective was “extremely rude and pushy”, when the complainant could not provide the CPD detective with financial information due to privacy laws.
2. The complainant alleged that the CPD detective was “unprofessional”, as he made the following comments: “the life of the missing person could be in your hands” and “I will tell the family that this is the stance of PNC Bank.”

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated
2. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1545:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged an officer had been in contact with an individual who has, or had, active warrants for domestic violence and the officer knew this and did not turn in the person.

Recommendation:

1. Withdrawn

Motion: Mary Younger

Second: Willard McIntosh

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1759:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged an officer “ripped me out the door and threw me to the ground.”
2. The complainant alleged he was detained for no reason.
3. The complainant alleged another officer came and put their knee on his back even though he was not resisting and believes the force was excessive.

Recommendation:



1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded
3. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger

Second: Willard McIntosh

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1788:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged officers detained him without cause.
2. The complainant alleged officers went through his mobile phone without his consent.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger

Second: Willard McIntosh

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1812:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged COTA officers almost struck his vehicle while he was at a traffic light.
2. The complainant alleged the manner and tone of the officers was an impolite interaction.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger

Second: Willard McIntosh

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1900:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer involved was rude when he asked for their identifications and believes the officer treated her poorly during their encounter.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger

Second: Willard McIntosh

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous



2023-1285:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged a Sergeant continuously called her and came to her residence and workplace, although she had asked him to leave her alone on multiple occasions. The complainant stated she feels threatened by the Sergeant's behavior.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation

Allegation:

1. Information received from IAB's investigation revealed the Sergeant often visited the complainant's home on multiple occasions and even multiple times in one day in his cruiser and even contacted the complainant for personal use via a City of Columbus phone number.
2. During the investigation, the Columbus DIG conducted two interviews with the Sergeant, due to conflicting statements received from him. The statements by the Sergeant were found to be untruthful and conflicted with the evidence reviewed regarding the complainant's allegation.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained
2. Sustained

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1670:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged officers approached her and slammed her to the ground on her face, which was excessive.
2. The complainant alleged an officer put his knee on her back while she was on the ground, which was excessive.
3. The complainant alleged officers laughed at her, which was rude and unprofessional.
4. The complainant alleged the officer questioned her son without her authority.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded
3. Unfounded
4. Exonerated

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous



2023-1736:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged a Columbus police officer caused a disruption by being loud at a Columbus Metropolitan Library.
2. The complainant alleged a Columbus police officer referred to library security officers as “liars.”
3. The complainant alleged a Columbus police officer referred to library security as “top flight security of the world.”
4. The complainant alleged a Columbus police officer failed to provide their name and badge number when asked to do so.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded
2. Unfounded
3. Sustained
4. Sustained

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1778:

Allegation:

1. The complainant reported he was in an accident on November 4, 2023 and the crash report for the accident is not accurate because the officer did not interview his witness.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-1848:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged a sex trafficking investigator asked her how to conduct his investigation and questioned her mental health rather than doing the investigation into her being trafficked.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained/Inconclusive

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Rev. Charles Tatum: How did the investigator come to this recommendation? It hasn't been used before the CPRB in the past. What is the meaning of the recommendation?

IG Hendricks: The recommendation of Sustained/Inconclusive isn't used a lot. The definitions of the recommendations are listed on the last page of all the case reports.



2023-1901:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer drove directly through her lawn.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: Kyle Strickland

Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Kyle Strickland: What is procedure/policy during a chase?

Questions and Recommendations from the Civilian Police Review Board

- Is the Chief taking these allegations against these Officers serious? What is being done to these Officers? Regarding 2023-1285
- How do the Investigators determine what Use of Force level is ok or in violation of policy?
- What is procedure/policy during a chase? (Reference case # 2023-1901)
- The CPRB would like for the Department of the Inspector General to check the database for patterns of certain behaviors and officers with repeat complaints.

CASE ASSIGNMENTS:

Investigation Review Committee #1 (Pastor Rich Nathan, Chair): 23-1579, 23-1735, 23-1888, 23-1896, 23-1915, 24-0010 and 24-0057

Investigation Review Committee #2 (Kyle Strickland, Chair): 23-1883, 23-1892, 23-1923, 24-0006, 24-0055 and 24-0075

Investigation Review Committee #3 (Willard McIntosh, Chair): 23-1864, 23-1894, 24-0004, 24-0033, 24-0176 and 24-0416

MAY MEETING

May 7, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the 111 N Front Street, Hearing Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Kelly Pinkleton moved and Pastor Rich Nathan seconded motion. All in favor, passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 3:20PM.