Meeting Minutes – Meeting #34 Tuesday, May 7, 2024



# Board

Present Brooke Burns, Chair
Present Dr. Chenelle Jones, Vice Chair
Present Dr. James Ford
Absent Pastor Richard Nathan
Present Kellye Pinkleton
Present Kyle Strickland
Present 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 2:02PM.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr. James Ford made a motion; Mary Younger seconded to approve the April 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

# UPDATE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Inspector General Hendricks did an overview of the Department of the Inspector General 2024  $1^{\rm st}$  Quarter Report to the Civilian Police Review Board.

The CPRB received a packet of new marketing material for the Department of the Inspector General.

# REVIEW OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

# REVIEW OF CASES ASSIGNED IN APRIL:

Committee #1: 23-1579, 23-1735, 23-1888, 23-1896, 23-1915, 24-0010 and 24-0057

Committee #2: 23-1883, 23-1892, 23-1923, 24-0006, 24-0055 and 24-0075 Committee #3: 23-1864, 23-1894, 24-0004, 24-0033, 24-0176 and 24-0416

## # 2023-1579:

#### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged he was unlawfully stopped by CPD officers for having a faulty license plate light.
- 2. The complainant alleged a female officer searched him forcefully, stating the officer "grabbing my nuts and dug in my butt," causing him pain and discomfort, after two male officers allegedly already completed a search.
- 3. The complainant alleged when his vehicle was impounded the windows were not rolled up causing water damage inside of his vehicle.

# Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

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- 2. Unfounded
- 3. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Mary Younger

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

## Allegation:

1. The Officer failed to activate her body worn camera (BWC) during her contact with the complainant.

# Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Mary Younger

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2023-1735:

## Allegation:

1. The Officer improperly authorized city overtime funds to be paid for sworn personnel to attend a FOP meeting.

## Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Mary Younger

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

# # 2023-1888:

#### Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged on December 15, 2023, a Sergeant canceled a wellness check for his 12-year-old daughter and did not do his job.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

# # 2023-1896:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer ridiculed and misinformed her of the reason she was detained.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Josue' Vicente

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Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2023-1915:

# Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the Officers were aggressive with her when they slammed her down to the ground, which she felt was outside of CPD policy and procedure.
- 2. The complainant alleged she sustained injuries as a result of the handcuffs being too tight.
- 3. The complainant alleged the female officer made her feel horrible.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded
- 3. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2024-0010:

# Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged after an incident involving a hotel security guard, an officer who responded to the run asked her to "Show me how the security guard pushed you." However, when she attempted to show the officer the action by putting her hand out towards his chest, the officer slapped her hand, pushed her, and told her don't ever put her hands on an officer.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Mary Younger

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2024-0057:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer failed to investigate the traffic crash properly.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

# # 2023-1883: Tabled until CPRB June 4th meeting

# Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged two male officers placed her minor daughter in handcuffs and searched her instead of a female officer.

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2. The complainant alleged her wrists were injured by the handcuffs and when she told the officer the handcuffs were hurting, the officer told her "The handcuffs are about to come off," but did not adjust the handcuffs.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: N/A
Second: N/A
Motion carried:

# Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation: **Tabled until CPRB June 4**<sup>th</sup> **meeting** Allegation:

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

#### Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A Second: N/A Motion carried:

# # 2023-1892: Tabled until CPRB June 4th meeting

#### Allegation:

1. The complaint alleged officers put handcuffs on her too tight and would not loosen them.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A Motion carried:

## # 2023-1923: Tabled until CPRB June 4th meeting

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer "manhandled" her, was very rough and aggressive and slammed her to the ground.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officer damage her cell phone screen.
- 3. The complainant alleged the officer screamed at her and said, "shut the fuck up."

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded
- 3. Unfounded

Motion: N/A
Second: N/A
Motion carried:

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# # 2024-0006: Tabled until CPRB June 4th meeting

#### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer used excessive force in how he grabbed her when he took her to the police cruiser.
- 2. The complainant alleged the male officer patted her down after she advised him that she wanted a female officer to pat her down.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A Motion carried:

# # 2024-0055: Tabled until CPRB June 4th meeting

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged his camera went missing after his vehicle was impounded from an incident which occurred on January 1, 2024, relating to report number 24000734.

#### Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A Second: N/A Motion carried:

# # 2024-0075: Tabled until CPRB June 4th meeting

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer gave her employee a hard time when purchasing an age restricted product, and said it was not okay for the officer to put employees in a situation where they are bullied because he is a police officer.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A
Second: N/A
Motion carried:

#### # 2023-1864:

#### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged her residence was searched "illegally" and "without a warrant."
- 2. The complainant alleged an officer was dishonest in telling her that they were not going to search her residence without a warrant.
- 3. The complainant alleged an officer kicked in the side door of her garage.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded
- 3. Exonerated

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Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Kyle Strickland: Why is Attorney Furbee part of this case? Would it have changed the outcome of the

DIG's decision?

IG Hendricks: The DIG is not to determine whether an action is legal/illegal. The DIG will reach out to the City Attorney's Office if the legality of a search (in this particular case) is legal or a violation of policy.

#### # 2023-1894:

# Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer who responded was aggressive, disrespectful, and intimidating towards her during a custody exchange.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-0004:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged a police officer parked in a fire lane, "absent of an emergency."

#### Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-0033:

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged he was tased twice.
- 2. The complainant alleged he was stomped in the head.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford Motion carried: Approved Abstained: Kyle Strickland

# # 2024-0176: Allegation:

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1. The complainant alleged a CPD officer was rude to her by stating "I don't care if you're cold," when she rolled her window up while she was collecting the information, he'd requested that she provide to him.

# Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-0146:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer was rude to her and her boyfriend when the officer accused them of being involved in a "drug deal gone wrong."

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Break at: 3:13p Return: 3:26p

# Questions and Recommendations from the Civilian Police Review Board

- How does the DIG determine when Use of Force is appropriate and does not meet the level a policy violation?
- Kyle would like for the CPRB to consider whether some of the issues they review that fall under "Not a Policy Violation" but aren't necessarily considered a "Best Practice." The job of the CPRB is different than that of the DIG and they are able to take more into consideration when making their decisions and recommendations. (Ex. Tasing)
- Vicente' Would like to have a member of the FOP attend the CPRB meetings.
- Strickland Would like to have the meetings in different location. (Ex. Community Center)
- Strickland What would be the cost of an online database that is available for the public to view.
- The CPRB would like a copy of the finalized FOP Contract.
- Ford Would like depositions from the cases that have been referred to CPD with disciplinary recommendations.

# **CASE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Investigation Review Committee #1 (Pastor Rich Nathan, Chair): 23-0235, 24-0045, 24-0118, 24-0201, 24-0209, 24-0215, 24-0333 and 24-0362

Investigation Review Committee #2 (Kyle Strickland, Chair): 24-0009, 24-0024, 24-0106, 24-0130, 24-0145, 24-0229, 24-0272 and 24-0287

Investigation Review Committee #3 (Willard McIntosh, Chair): 23-1840, 23-1876, 24-0008, 24-0011, 24-0082, 24-0252 and 24-0343

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# JUNE MEETING

June 4, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the 111 N Front Street, Hearing Conference Room

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn. Dr. Chenelle Jones moved and Dr. James Ford seconded motion. All in favor, passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 3:51PM.