Meeting Minutes – Meeting #36 Tuesday, July 2, 2024



Board

Present Brooke Burns, Chair Present Dr. Chenelle Jones, Vice Chair Present Dr. James Ford Present Crystal R. Jackson Absent Pastor Richard Nathan Present Kyle Strickland 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 2:04PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr. James Ford made a motion; Crystal Jackson seconded to approve the July 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

UPDATE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Inspector General Hendricks will give Quarterly updates during the September meeting.

REVIEW OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

2024-0854:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged a CPD Officer travelling in front of her, failed to stop at stop signs, which she recorded.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. James Ford Second: Mary Younger

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

REVIEW OF CASES ASSIGNED IN JULY:

Committee #1: 24-0312, 24-0390, 24-0405, 24-0418, 24-0445, 24-0485, 24-0511, 24-0533 and 24-0700

Committee #2: 23-0153, 24-0419, 24-0431, 24-0447, 24-0456, 24-0492, 24-0521, 24-0527 and 24-0793

Committee #3: 24-0411, 24-0443, 24-0451, 24-0467, 24-0487, 24-0496, 24-0543, 24-0565 and 24-0646

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#2024-0312:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officers arrived at Mound Street Market and Mr. Hart was "beaten badly."

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#2024-0390:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the Officer used force against her daughter.
- 2. The complainant alleged the Officer used profanity toward her.

Recommendation:

- 1. Exonerated
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#2024-0405:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged he followed a self-proclaimed CPD officer on Facebook with an account named "Thoughts of a Patrol Officer" and questioned if a few of the officer's posts would qualify as unbecoming conduct and impact the officer's ability to serve the public regardless of race or gender.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

Dr. Jones: The committee does not agree with the recommendation of Exonerated, but should be a recommendation of **Sustained**.

Dr. Ford made a motion to recommend a finding of sustained on allegation 1; Crystal Jackson second the motion. The CPRB unanimously agreed.

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. During the investigation, the Columbus DIG reviewed CPD policy and procedures addressing social media/external communications, reviewed the screenshots received from the initial complaint from the "Thoughts of a Patrol Officer" Facebook account, and reviewed the

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Facebook account itself. The Columbus DIG concluded the actions and posts from the officer violates CPD policy.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. James Ford Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#2024-0418:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer was "overly aggressive" during her encounter, which caused her head to strike the ground, caused scrapes to her face, and bruising to her arms.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0445:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer laid on a juvenile and shoved his face into the gravel two times.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The Officer failed to activate his body worn camera during the interaction with the juvenile. Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0485:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged an Officer responded with his gun drawn to a car accident that took place on 4th Street and Hudson Avenue.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones

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Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The investigation revealed due to a weapon being drawn a "Firearms Display" should have been completed by the officer for this matter, however it was not, which is a violation of CPD policy and procedure.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0511:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officers failed to take a traffic crash report.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0512:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officers punched him in his face when using force against him.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The investigation revealed that one of the Officers used profanity during the incident.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

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2024-0533:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged he saw an Officer in cruiser 349 driving at an excessive rate of speed, between 75 and 90 mph in a 65-mph zone.
- 2. The complainant alleged when the Officer accelerated past his vehicle, the Officer cut in front of his vehicle and activated the cruiser spot light onto his vehicle.

Recommendation:

- 1. Sustained
- 2. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0700:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged an Officer told her that her son was not going to be criminally charged in regards to an altercation he was in at Easton Town Center and then charged her son with disorderly conduct after the Officer found out that her son had a warrant.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Crystal Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2023-0153: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer improperly investigated an incident in which she was a victim and filed an incorrectly classified police incident report.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0419: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged her vehicle was hit by an intoxicated person and Officers did not provide her with the driver's name and insurance information.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

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2024-0431: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer used excessive force on her and pushed her away from the vehicle and out of her shoes for no reason.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0447: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the focus Officer is bringing "young kids" to the Columbus Police Training Academy to box.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0456: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officers used force in the arrest of her son.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The Officer used profane language during an arrest incident.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0492: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged CPD Officers held him at "Taser point" for no reason.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A

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Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The Officers failed to complete a Taser/Firearm Display form from the alleged incident.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0521: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged on April 4, 2024, a CPD Officer before taking her son to jail over a traffic ticket, used "unnecessary" force by taking him down on the concrete.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0527: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

- 1. The complaint alleged Officers detained her.
- 2. The complainant alleged Officers damaged her vehicle and stole her property.
- 3. The complainant alleged Officers did not do a police report in a timely manner.

Recommendation:

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

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0793: Tabled until September 10th Meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer failed to complete a police report.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

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2024-0411:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged Officer Shafer harassed him by telling him he was trespassing, and if the complainant did not show his identification, he would go to jail.
- 2. The complainant alleged Officer Shafer "cussed" at him.

Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Sustained

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0443:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer became upset, walked up to him and "chest bumped" him.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The Officers use of profanity was a violation of CPD Policy and procedures.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0451:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged that the Officers failed to make an arrest during the investigation of a disturbance incident.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

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2024-0467:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Sergeant made them feel threatened to the point she had to call her supervisor to speak with him so she could leave.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0487:

Allegation:

1. FCCS reported a minor was taken to the ground by the arresting officers after the minor refused to get in the van. FCCS reported the minor suffered minor injuries.

Recommendation:

1. Administrative Closure

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0496:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged Officers used excessive force on her on March 19th, 2024 at 595 Van Buren Drive.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0543:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged while being arrested and attempting to walk away from Officers, he was thrown to the ground and had his face shoved in the ground.
- 2. The complainant alleged he told the Officer he was hurting; however, the Officer would not stop, and as a result he obtained scratches on his face.

Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

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2024-0565:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer was unprofessional, did not want to 3 answer her questions, and did not want to help her. The complainant explained when she asked the Officer to explain the meaning of driving between lanes, he responded "look it up."

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0646:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer said, "You deserved it" in regards to the complainant's daughter being struck as a pedestrian by a vehicle.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Questions and Recommendations from the Civilian Police Review Board

- Kyle Strickland: There are only two members on Committee #2. Are there any updates on new members joining the CPRB? IG Hendricks will follow up with the Mayor's Office
- Do we have a sense of when the quarterly reports will be sent from CPD? Stephanie will reach out to Chief Bryant's Assistant.
- IG Hendricks has reached out to have a Quarterly Meeting with CPD so everyone can be on the same page on reporting and process.
- How feasible is it for the CPRB/Complainant to receive a notification of a cases outcome after it has gone through the entire investigation process?

CASE ASSIGNMENTS:

Investigation Review Committee #1 (Pastor Rich Nathan, Chair): 24-0550, 24-0593, 24-0607, 24-0629, 24-0714, 24-0726, 24-0733, 24-0767 and 24-1025

Investigation Review Committee #2 (Kyle Strickland, Chair): 24-0561, 24-0592, 24-0598, 24-0657, 24-0676, 24-0711, 24-0760 and 24-0773

Investigation Review Committee #3 (Mary Younger, Chair): 24-0548, 24-0596, 24-0610, 24-0629, 24-0647, 24-0719, 24-0791 and 24-0858

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the 111 N Front Street, Hearing Conference Room

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Dr. Chenelle Jones moved and Dr. James Ford seconded motion. All in favor, passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 3:46PM.

