Meeting Minutes – Meeting #38 Tuesday, September 10, 2024



Board

Present Brooke Burns, Chair Present Dr. Chenelle Jones, Vice Chair Present Dr. James Ford Present Crystal R. Jackson Present Pastor Richard Nathan Present Kyle Strickland Absent Josue' Vicente Present Mary Younger

Guests

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

WELCOME

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr. James Ford made a motion; Pastor Rich Nathan seconded to approve the August 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

UPDATE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Inspector General Hendricks and Nate Ryan presented and reviewed the **2024 2**nd **Quarterly Report** with the CPRB.

Pastor Nathan: Is there a way to lock in the information by quarter? The numbers are not adding up correctly.

OVERVIEW OF C.I.T. TRAINING

Lt. Voorhis, CPD and Karly Tennant, ADAMH presented the CPRB an overview for the Crisis Intervention Team Training.

- Over of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training model
- Overview of CIT training for officers
- How the Columbus Division of Police implements CIT best practices

Break: 3:03p Return: 3:17p

REVIEW OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

REVIEW OF PENDING CASES FROM AUGUST:

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

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2023-0153:

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: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0419:

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: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0431:

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: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0447:

Allegation:

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

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0456:

Allegation:

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

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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: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0492:

Allegation:

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

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

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

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0521:

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: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

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2024-0527:

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: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0793:

Allegation:

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

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: Kyle Strickland Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

REVIEW OF CASES ASSIGNED IN AUGUST:

Committee #1: 24-0550, 24-0593, 24-0607, 24-0629, 24-0714, 24-0726, 24-0733, 24-0767 and 24-1025

Committee #2: 24-0561, 24-0592, 24-0598, 24-0657, 24-0676, 24-0711, 24-0760 and 24-0773

Committee #3: 24-0548, 24-0596, 24-0610, 24-0647, 24-0719, 24-0791 and 24-0858

#2024-0550:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the responding officer gave information to the neighbor on who made the complaint.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The officer failed to activate his BWC on this dispatched call for service for this incident.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan

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Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#2024-0593:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer was aggressive and rude toward him following a traffic incident.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#2024-0607:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officers charged the suspect with menacing but did not charge him with criminal damaging. The complainant alleged the officer witness the suspect break the window in her house.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The Columbus DIG found the 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

#2024-0629:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the Officer did not read him his Miranda Rights prior to taking him into custody.
- 2. The complainant alleged the Officer used excessive force by squeezing his wrist when forcing him into the back of the cruiser.
- 3. The complainant alleged the Officer entered his residence and completed a search without a warrant or his permission to enter.
- 4. The complainant alleged the Officer used his right knee and foot to expel the complainant from his wheelchair, which caused him to hit the backside of his head.

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Recommendation:

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

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#2024-0714:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged he was profiled by officers.

Recommendation:

1. Administrative Closure

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0726:

Allegation:

1. The responding officers did not complete a police report.

2. The officers did not issue a citation to the driver that struck her vehicle.

Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0733:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged he had a traffic interaction with an officer in which the officer swore at him numerous times.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0767:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer reached into her vehicle and tried to drag her through the window, while he advised her to get out of the vehicle.

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- 2. The complainant alleged she asked why she was being arrested and the officer replied "I don't have to tell you why [you are being arrested]."
- 3. The complainant alleged the officer threw her down on the ground, had his knee in her back and told her she was arrested for fleeing.
- 4. The complainant alleged when she was placed in handcuffs, she advised the officer the handcuffs were too tight, and the officer never adjusted the handcuffs.

Recommendation:

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

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-1025:

Allegation:

1. The complainant said sometime in April 2024, she approached an officer to ask why her son was being followed and the officer responded, "Ma'am I follow 7,200 people per day." The complainant alleged the officer was rude and discourteous in the statement he made.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Pastor Rich Nathan Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0561: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer "yanked" her from her vehicle and he put his hands on her for no reason.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. The Columbus DIG found that the focus officer did not introduce himself by rank or last name, did not identify himself as an officer of CPD, did not briefly explain they are being recorded, and did not ask if there was a justifiable reason for the violation resulting in the traffic stop.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A

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Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0592: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant stated on April 17, 2024, he was driving his truck containing hazardous material on Interstate 71, and the officer pulled him over and ticketed him. The complainant alleges the Columbus police officer had no reason to stop him.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0598: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged an officer "falsely impounded his car."

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0657: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged on April 29, 2024, kids were outside playing with toy water guns when two officers approached and made them pull the toy water guns out of their backpacks to determine if they were firearms. The complainant alleged the officers harassed the kids by doing so.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0676: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the Officer was rude to her and her fiancé.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

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2024-0711: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer did not file the incident report, and as a result, he cannot seek charges against the person who assaulted him.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0760: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer stated, "Come do something about it" to him and he felt it was disrespectful.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

Allegation:

1. During the course of the Columbus DIG's review of the incident, the officers were observed using profanity directed toward the complainant.

Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

2024-0773: Tabled until October 1st meeting

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged that on May 16, 2024, an officer, after finding out his daughter made only one of the middle school's cheerleading squads, came to the middle school gym and yelled, used profane language, and slapped a water bottle off the table so hard that it went flying across the gym.

Recommendation:

1. Administrative Closure

Motion: N/A Second: N/A

Motion carried: N/A

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2024-0548:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged she was experiencing a mental health episode and was treated very badly by the arresting officers.
- 2. The complainant alleged she was snatched out of the cruiser while handcuffed falling to the ground resulting in extensive marks and bruises.

Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0596:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer did not notify him that his reported stolen vehicle was recovered.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0610:

Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the focus officer was rough with her by pushing the complainant during a traffic stop and broke four of her ribs from the encounter.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0647:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer placed his hand on Ms. Thomas's left shoulder and squeezed.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officer threatened to arrest her and called Ms. Thomas stupid.

Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

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2024-0719:

Allegation:

1. The complainant stated her vehicle was reported stolen and eventually recovered on May 7, 2024. She stated her cousin was driving the vehicle the following day when he was pulled over and officers contacted her to verify the car was recovered. The complainant alleged she was then pulled over the next day with guns drawn due to the officer not removing the stolen vehicle report and updating the system from the previous day.

Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0791:

Allegation:

1. The complainant, in summary, alleged that a CPD officer is using a paid City of Columbus employee to manage her personal social media account.

Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

2024-0858:

Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer wrongfully arrested her.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officer used excessive force when arresting her.

Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. James Ford

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Questions and Recommendations from the Civilian Police Review Board

- Kyle Strickland: Would like follow up information on the Chain of Command recommendations for the following cases; 24-0431, 24-0456, 24-0492, 24-0521 (How was the outcome of 2024-0521 delivered to the complainant?)
- Kyle Strickland: Would like to have a public database so that residents are able to track their cases in real time; adopting a resolution.
- Is there a screening process when the complaints come in or all complaints investigated? This is a concern regarding disgruntled employees. Is there a "threshold" for complaints?
- Kyle Strickland: Would like to the CPRB to meet about the 2nd Quarter Report from CPD.

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- The U.S. Department of Justice Department did an independent review of the *Use of Force Polices, Procedures and Protocols* for the CPD.
- The CPRB is requesting another visit from Chief Bryant to review DOJ recommendations and feedback
- Recommendations for Excessive Use of Force (page 19); levels of use of force are tracked. CPD
 does not track their level 0 nor level 1. A recommendation was made by the Justice Department
 that this should be tracked.
- Dr. Jones: CPD is in the process of updating their tracking system for excessive use of force complaints.
- Is the DIG tracking demographic data? IG: The DIG is tracking the precincts of where the complaints are made, not the demographic of the complainant.
- Attorney Ross: The CPRB should discuss what data points they would want collected and that information can be given to the DIG to add to the initial complaint form(s).
- The CPRB needs to do a 2024 Annual Report. The CPRB has chosen to adopt the use of the DIG's Annual Report, but the there is information per the City Code that the CPRB must include in their annual reports; Stephanie is to send this list of items to the CPRB.
- Chair Burns: If there is information that the CPRB would like to have included in the annual report please send it to Chair Burns and Stephanie.

CASE ASSIGNMENTS:

Investigation Review Committee #1 (Pastor Rich Nathan, Chair): 24-0028, 24-0765, 24-0830, 24-0836, 24-0876, 24-0942 and 24-1023

Investigation Review Committee #2 (Kyle Strickland, Chair): 24-0372, 24-0784, 24-0802, 24-0839, 24-0886 and 24-0914

Investigation Review Committee #3 (Mary Younger, Chair): 24-0806, 24-0812, 24-0834, 24-0868, 24-0915 and 24-0935

SEPTEMBER MEETING

October 1, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the 111 N Front Street, Hearing Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Pastor Rich Nathan moved and Dr. Chenelle Jones seconded motion. All in favor, passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.