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 Absent Pastor Richard Nathan Absent Kyle Strickland Absent Josue' Vicente Present Mary Younger

## Guests

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

## **WELCOME**

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr. James Ford made a motion; Crystal R. Jackson seconded to approve October 1st meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

## UPDATE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Inspector General Hendricks presented the CPRB with the 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. IG reviewed a few of the data points and asked the Board to contact her if they have any questions or concerns regarding the report.

Dr. Jones: Requested that the DIG include in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report the 2023 *Investigation Breakdown by Allegation Type* as it is listed for 2024?

# REVIEW OF FOP CONTRACT UPDATES

- Attorney Paul Bernhart advised the board that there are no updates to the contract that affects them as a Board and eh cases they review.
- The contract no longer allows polygraphs to be used during investigations involving Officers.
- Reviewed the time line for investigations
- Review of progressive discipline for CPD

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# REVIEW OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

#### **REVIEW OF PENDING CASES:**

Committee #2 (September): 24-0773

Committee #2 (October): 24-0372, 24-0784, 24-0802, 24-0839, 24-0886 and 24-0914

### # 2024-0773:

### 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. Sustained

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

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2024-0372:

# Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged Officer Schorr inappropriately questioned him during a domestic violence investigation.
- 2. The complainant alleged Officer Schorr wrongly charged him for violation of a criminal offense.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Exonerated
- 2. Sustained

Motion: Dr. James Ford Second: Mary Younger

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-0784:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the detective was "rude and unprofessional" by stating, "I have 100 or more cases open and it is not my priority to update you," when the complainant requested an update on the investigation.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. James Ford Second: Crystal R. Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

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#### #2024-0802:

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant said on May 21, 2024, she encountered an officer driving a police vehicle with the bright headlights activated.
- 2. The complainant said she yelled profanities at the officer, and the officer followed her to a nearby gas station where the officer harassed her wife while she was inside the gas station.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Dr. James Ford Second: Crystal R. Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

## Allegation:

1. The Columbus DIG found the officer did not activate his BWC during his self-initiated interaction with the complainant.

#### Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. James Ford Second: Crystal R. Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## #2024-0839:

#### Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged that the Columbus Division of Police released information to the media on her brother's death before notifying the family.

### Recommendation:

1. Administrative Closure

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

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

### #2024-0886:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer while in his cruiser, was traveling at excessive speeds on the freeway.

## Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. Chenelle Jones Second: Mary Younger

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

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#### #2024-0914:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged that his daughter was hit by her aunt and the officers that responded were not professional nor did they help his daughter.

## Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Dr. James Ford Second: Crystal R. Jackson

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### REVIEW OF CASES ASSIGNED IN OCTOBER:

Committee #1: 24-0810, 24-0957, 24-0983, 24-0990 and 24-1067 Committee #2: 24-0724, 24-0987, 24-1031, 24-1065 and 24-1090 Committee #3: 24-0870, 24-0988, 24-0993, 24-1018 and 24-1061

#### # 2024-0810:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officers broke her daughter's cell phone during an arrest.

#### Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

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

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-0957:

### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer went on vacation and did not provide the complainant with an update.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officer made a "rude and victim blaming" comment.
- 3. The complainant alleged her case was not handled appropriately by the officer.

## Recommendation:

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

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

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2024-0983:

#### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer slammed him on the ground.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officer pointed a gun at the back of his head.
- 3. The complainant alleged the officer put a knee in his back when he was placed in handcuffs.

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#### Recommendation:

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

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

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2024-0990:

### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged officers detained and questioned her fifteen year old son without notifying her.
- 2. The complainant alleged officers ignored her son when he made complaint that the handcuffs on him were too tight.

#### Recommendation:

- 1. Exonerated
- 2. Unfounded

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

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-1067:

#### Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged the officer confirmed an emergency custody order was in place, however, court records indicated there was never an order in place, but rather a motion.

### Recommendation:

1. Sustained

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

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-0724: Tabled until the December 3rd meeting

### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged CPD officers were aggressive verbally and with their body language with him during a traffic stop.
- 2. The complainant alleged CPD officers pulled him over for failing to use a turn signal when he did not have to use a turn signal.
- 3. The complainant alleged CPD officers told him they towed his vehicle because if they did not tow his vehicle it would be racist.

## Recommendation:

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

## Motion:

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Second:

Motion carried:

## # 2024-0987: Tabled until the December 3rd meeting

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged a CPD officer failed to issue a citation for "DUI" after a man was driving a four-wheeler intoxicated and hit his daughter's vehicle.

#### Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion:

Second:

Motion carried:

## # 2024-1031: Tabled until the December 3rd meeting

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant all alleged the officers detained him and search vehicle because of smelling drugs.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officers treated him like he was a criminal.

### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion:

Second:

Motion carried:

# # 2024-1065: Tabled until the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officers did not have their body worn cameras on during their interaction with the officers.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officer used excessive force on him by slamming the complainant's head into the fence.

## Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion:

Second:

Motion carried:

## # 2024-1090: Tabled until the December 3rd meeting

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged that Columbus Division of Police officers harassed her son by stopping him on multiple occasions, removing him from his vehicle, and searching his vehicle without probable cause.

## Recommendation:

1. Unfounded

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Motion:

Second:

Motion carried:

#### # 2024-0870:

## Allegation:

1. The complainant alleged Officer Cain wrongly suspected his car of being a stolen vehicle and impounded it.

## Recommendation:

1. Exonerated

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## Additional DIG Allegation/Recommendation:

### Allegation:

1. The Officer did not file an electronic Impounded Suspected Stolen Vehicle Report as required by CPD policy."

#### Recommendation:

1. Sustained

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2024-0988:

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged she was stopped by officers due to her race.
- 2. The complainant alleged officers lied to her stating her vehicle tags did not come back registered.

### Recommendation:

- 1. Unfounded
- 2. Unfounded

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## # 2024-0993:

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer made rude and disrespectful comments about the victim by stating "teenagers need to be beat, she got what she deserved, and kids her age steal cars and run the streets."
- 2. The complainant alleged the officer indicated the victim likely deserved the force used against her by the family member.

## Recommendation:

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1. Unfounded

2. Sustained

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

#### # 2024-1018:

## Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officers responded to his residence with guns drawn.
- 2. The complainant alleged the officers entered his residence without a warrant.
- 3. The complainant alleged he was improperly detained during his encounter with the officers.
- 4. The complainant alleged the handcuffs were placed on him so tightly that his wrists were bleeding and bruised.

#### Recommendation:

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

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

## #2024-1061:

#### Allegation:

- 1. The complainant alleged the officer towed her vehicle for no reason.
- 2. The complainant alleged she was improperly detained
- 3. The complainant alleged her rights were violated due to her vehicle being searched.

## Recommendation:

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

Motion: Mary Younger Second: Dr. Chenelle Jones

Motion carried: Approved, unanimous

Break: 3:00p.m. End: 3:11p.m.

Chair Burns introduced CPRB's new liaison to the Mayor's Office, Chris Suel.

3:13p – 3:42p – The Civilian Police Review Board went into an Executive Session.

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## **Executive Session Minutes**

The Civilian Police Review Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and committee assignments.

Attendees: B. Burns, Dr. Ford, Dr. Jones, C. Jackson and M. Younger

## **CASE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Investigation Review Committee #1 (Pastor Rich Nathan, Chair): 24-0702, 24-0995, 24-1010, 24-1024, 24-1079, 24-1199, 24-1216 and 24-1274

Investigation Review Committee #2 (Kyle Strickland, Chair): 24-0890, 24-1133, 24-1198, 24-1211, 24-1247 and 24-1267

Investigation Review Committee #3 (Mary Younger, Chair): 23-1938, 24-1012, 24-1096, 24-1120, 24-1165, 24-1173, 24-1264, and 24-1309

## **DECEMBER MEETING**

December 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the 111 N Front Street, Hearing Conference Room

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn. Dr. James Ford moved and Crystal R. Jackson seconded motion. All in favor, passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 3:43PM.