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**July 1, 2020, 8:30 a.m.****MINUTES****Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar****Members Present:**

Caila Coleman, Vice Chair [4/0]  
Richard Crabtree, Chair [4/0]  
Loren Cusati [1/0]  
Korey Engel [3/1]  
Julio Guerrero [3/1] – arrived at 9:24 a.m.  
Nimit Kapoor [2/2] – departed at 10:47 a.m.  
Tom Keen [2/2]  
Raul Perez [2/1]  
Linda Reaves [3/1]

**Others Present:**

Orlando Rolón, Chief of Police  
Deputy Chief Jose Velez Jimenez  
Deputy Chief Eric Smith  
Natasha Williams, Chief Assistant City Attorney  
Sergeant Ryan McConnell, OPD Internal Affairs Supervisor  
Dwain Rivers, OPD Internal Affairs Manager  
Sergeant Chester Culley  
Captain Richard Lane  
Candace Cardillo, Board Administrator  
Meagan Jones, Complainant  
Michael Panella, Esquire, attorney representing Meagan Jones, Complainant

**1. Call to Order**

Richard Crabtree, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Candace Cardillo, Board Administrator, took attendance and determined that a quorum was present.

**3. Consideration of Minutes**

- a. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2020  
Tom Keen moved to approve the special meeting minutes from June 16, 2020, Korey Engel seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion, 8-0. Julio Guerrero was not present for this vote.

**4. Introduction of Chief Orlando Rolón**

Chief Orlando Rolón addressed the Citizens' Police Review Board in response to the Board's letter regarding IR 19-85 and Officer Jonathan Mills. Chief Rolón answered questions presented by the Citizens' Police Review Board.

## **5. Public Comment**

The following individuals provided live public comment: T.J. Legacy Cole, Veronica Bohem, James Taylor, Baron Samedi and Lawanna Gelzer.

Written public comments received from Sarah Ebert, Don Mitchell, Cynara Freeman and James Taylor are attached to the minutes.

## **6. Old Business**

### **a. Board Attorney Presentation**

Natasha Williams, Chief Assistant City Attorney, provided a presentation regarding the Citizens' Police Review Board's powers and duties.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Consent Agenda**

- i. IR 18-61, Internal Investigation (Officer Norman Wright and Robert Costa)
  1. RM 200-8, (A) Obedience to Laws (Officer Norman Wright) – EXONERATED
  2. RM 800-5, Deadly Force as it relates to Policy 1128.16, Response to Resistance and Apprehension Techniques (Officer Norman Wright) – EXONERATED
  3. RM 200-8, (A) Obedience to Laws (Officer Robert Costa) – EXONERATED
  4. RM 800-5, Deadly Force as it relates to Policy 1128.16, Response to Resistance and Apprehension Techniques (Officer Robert Costa) – EXONERATED

Caila Coleman, Vice Chair, requested that IR 18-61 be moved to 7, section b "Review of Investigation and Appearances" for presentation by Internal Affairs.

- ii. IR 19-58, Internal Investigation (Officer James Wilson)
  1. RM 800-2, Arrests (B) Use of Force - SUSTAINED

Caila Coleman, Vice Chair, requested that IR 19-58 be moved to 7, section b "Review of Investigation and Appearances" for presentation by Internal Affairs.

- iii. IR 19-63, Internal Investigation (Officer John Earle)
  1. RM 200-8 (B), Obedience to Policies and Procedures and Other Written Directives as it relates to Policy and Procedure 1128.6, Response to Resistance and Apprehension Techniques (7), Reporting Requirements – SUSTAINED
  2. RM 200-8 (B), Obedience to Policies and Procedures and Other Written Directives as it relates to Policy and Procedure 1140.4, Mobile Recording Systems (3), Body-Worn Camera Procedures – SUSTAINED

Caila Coleman, Vice Chair, requested that IR 19-63 be moved to 7, section b "Review of Investigation and Appearances" for presentation by Internal Affairs.

b. Review of Investigations and Appearances

- i. IR 18-61, Internal Investigation (Officer Norman Wright and Robert Costa)
  1. RM 200-8, (A) Obedience to Laws (Officer Norman Wright) – EXONERATED
  2. RM 800-5, Deadly Force as it relates to Policy 1128.16, Response to Resistance and Apprehension Techniques (Officer Norman Wright) – EXONERATED
  3. RM 200-8, (A) Obedience to Laws (Officer Robert Costa) – EXONERATED
  4. RM 800-5, Deadly Force as it relates to Policy 1128.16, Response to Resistance and Apprehension Techniques (Officer Robert Costa) – EXONERATED

IR 18-61 was presented by Sergeant Ryan McConnell, Internal Affairs Supervisor. Board members asked questions to Internal Affairs and Sergeant McConnell responded to the Board.

Korey Engel made a motion to approve IR 18-61 as presented and Loren Cusati seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Citizens' Police Review Board voted to approve the motion, 8-0. Nimit Kapoor was not present for this vote.

- ii. IR 19-58, Internal Investigation (Officer James Wilson)
  1. RM 800-2, Arrests (B) Use of Force - SUSTAINED

IR 19-58 was presented by Sergeant Ryan McConnell, Internal Affairs Supervisor. Board members asked questions to Internal Affairs and Sergeant McConnell and Sergeant Chester Culley responded to the Board.

Caila Coleman, Vice Chair, made a motion to approve IR 19-58 as presented and Tom Keen seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Citizens' Police Review Board voted to approve the motion, 8-0. Nimit Kapoor was not present for this vote.

- iii. IR 19-63, Internal Investigation (Officer John Earle)
  1. RM 200-8 (B), Obedience to Policies and Procedures and Other Written Directives as it relates to Policy and Procedure 1128.6, Response to Resistance and Apprehension Techniques (7), Reporting Requirements – SUSTAINED
  2. RM 200-8 (B), Obedience to Policies and Procedures and Other Written Directives as it relates to Policy and Procedure 1140.4, Mobile Recording Systems (3), Body-Worn Camera Procedures – SUSTAINED

IR 19-63 was presented by Sergeant Ryan McConnell, Internal Affairs Supervisor. Board members asked questions to Internal Affairs and Sergeant McConnell and Dwain Rivers, Internal Affairs Manager, responded to the Board.

Michael Panella, Esquire, attorney for Meagan Jones, provided comments on behalf of his client. Meagan Jones, Complainant, presented testimony under oath.

Tom Keen made a motion to approve IR 19-63 as presented and Caila Coleman seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The Citizens' Police Review Board voted to approve the motion, 7-1 (Korey Engel opposed). Nimit Kapoor was not present for this vote.

#### **8. Presentation of New Inquiries**

None.

#### **9. Other Business**

a. Chair's Report

Richard Crabtree, Chair, read the letter received by the Citizens' Police Review Board from Chief Orlando Rolón regarding IR 19-85 and Officer Jonathan Mills into the record. Mr. Crabtree summarized the letter received from Dwain Rivers, Internal Affairs Manager, for the record. The letters received from Chief Rolón and Mr. Rivers are attached to the minutes.

b. Board Attorney's Report

Natasha Williams, Chief Assistant City Attorney, asked the Citizens' Police Review Board if they would like to schedule a meeting to update their Board Policies and Procedures. Caila Coleman made a motion to schedule a special meeting and Linda Reaves seconded the motion. The Citizens' Police Review Board voted to approve the motion, 8-0. Nimit Kapoor was not present for this vote.

c. Internal Affairs' Report

None.

d. Administrator's Report

Candace Cardillo, Board Administrator, advised the Citizens' Police Review Board that the next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2020 and encouraged members of the public to check the City's website to determine if the meeting will be held virtually or in person.

#### **10. Adjourn**

- a. Richard Crabtree, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.



Richard Crabtree  
Chair



Candace Cardillo  
Board Administrator