

Citizen Complaint Authority
ZOOM MEETING
Board Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020

Attendees Present

CCA Board

Mark Childers, Chair
George Pye, Vice Chair
Timothy Barr, Jr., Board Member
Desire Bennett, Board Member
Luz Elena Schemmel, Board Member
Phyllis Slusher, Board Member

Staff

Gabriel Davis, CCA Director
Dena Brown, CCA Division Manager (Chief Investigator)
Jonathan Batista, CCA Investigator
Ike Ekeke, CCA Investigator
Jessalyn Goodman, CCA Investigator
Michelle Bonner, CCA Sr. Administrative Specialist
Heidi Woods, CCA Administrative Specialist
Christine Briede, Acting Captain, CPD's Internal Investigation Section
Carolyn Glosby, Assistant City Solicitor
Ashley Pannell, Assistant City Solicitor

Chair Childers called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Member Schemmel moved and Member Bennett seconded a motion to accept minutes from the November 2020 meeting as written. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Introduction of New Investigators

Director Davis introduced three new CCA investigators: Jonathan Batista, Ike Ekeke, and Morgan Givens. Ms. Givens' start date is December 14, 2020.

Director's Report

Director Davis presented the Director's Report to the board.

The Board was presented with 4 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports, in addition to 2 investigation reports previously presented at the November 2020 meeting. In total, the reports involved 18 officers with 64 allegations with the recommended decisions of 18 exonerated, 20 sustained, 9 unfounded and 17 not sustained.

Public Comment

CCA Case Numbers 18185 and 19270: Kim Rutowski, Esq., Lazarus & Lewis, LLC; Officer Marc Schildmeyer and Sgt. Nathan Asbury commented on the complaints filed by Julia Jeffries and Kemuel Jordan.

CCA Case Number 19266: Complainant Sherry Barron commented on her complaint.

Other public comments were received from Iris Roley, BUF; Al Gerhardstein, Esq., Gerhardstein & Branch Co. LPA; and Paul Booth, CHRC Director.

Old Business

1. **CCA Case Number 18185:** Member Slusher moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA's recommended findings. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

2. **CCA Case Number 19270:** Member Barr moved and Vice Chair Pye seconded a motion to accept CCA's recommended findings. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 18205:** Member Bennett moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to accept CCA's recommended findings. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

2. **CCA Case Number 19076:** Member Schemmel moved and Vice Chair Pye seconded a motion to accept CCA's recommended findings. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

3. **CCA Case Number 19107:** Member Slusher moved and Vice Chair Pye seconded a motion to accept CCA's recommended findings. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

4. **CCA Case Number 19266:** Vice Chair Pye moved and Member Slusher seconded a motion to accept CCA's recommended findings. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

CCA case numbers 18185, 18205, 19076, 19107, 19266 and 19270 will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

Announcements

Member Bennett resigned - members and attendees thanked her for her service.

Closing

Member Bennett moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 7:02 p.m. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**