

Citizen Complaint Authority  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
December 6, 2021

**Attendees Present**

***CCA Board***

Mark Childers, Chair  
Timothy Barr, Jr. Board Member  
Tracey Johnson, Board Member  
Luz Elena Schemmel, Board Member  
Phyllis Slusher, Board Member,  
Wanda Spivey, Board Member

***Staff***

Gabriel Davis, Director  
Dena Brown, Division Manager (Chief Investigator)  
Ike Ekeke, Investigator  
Morgan Givens, Investigator  
Jessalyn Goodman, Investigator  
Michelle Bonner, Sr. Administrative Specialist  
Heidi Woods, Administrative Specialist  
Amanda Caton, Captain, CPD's Internal Investigation Section  
Carolyn Glosby, Assistant City Solicitor

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Chair Childers called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Member Schemmel moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to accept minutes from the November 2021 meeting as written. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

**Director's Report**

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

The Board was presented with 8 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports. In total, the reports involved 19 officers with 50 allegations with the recommended decisions of 20 exonerated, 11 not sustained, 9 unfounded and 10 sustained.

Director Davis presented the 2020 Patterns and Recommendations Report. Director Davis provided an update on the status of the hiring process.

**Public Comment**

Public comments were made by Matthew Korte, and Iris Roley, Cincinnati Black United Front, regarding CCA's patterns report standards, collateral allegations, CCA's backlog of cases and CPD's officer disciplinary actions.

## Old Business

1. **CCA Case Number 19007:** Attorneys Robert Thumann and Zachary Gottesman requested this case, involving Sergeant Zachary Sterbling and Officer Douglas Utecht, be held until January 2022. The Board agreed to hold this case until the January 2022 Board Meeting.

## New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 19128:** Member Schemmel moved and Member Slusher seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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2. **CCA Case Number 19165:** Member Barr moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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3. **CCA Case Number 19186:** Member Schemmel moved and Member Johnson seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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4. **CCA Case Number 19220:** Member Barr moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendation.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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5. **CCA Case Number 19269:** Member Barr moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendation.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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6. **CCA Case Number 20038:** Member Schemmel moved and Member Slusher seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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7. **CCA Case Number 20173:** Member Johnson moved and Member Slusher seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings.  
Agree 3 - Oppose 2 - Abstain 1. **Motion failed.**

Chair Childers requested a vote on each allegation separately.

Allegation: Discrimination

Officer Name: Bryan Stormes

CCA Finding: Unfounded

Member Johnson moved and Member Slusher seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings.

Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0. **Motion passed.**

Allegation: Discourtesy

Officer Name: Bryan Stormes

CCA Finding: Unfounded  
Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 1 (Schemmel). **Motion passed.**

Allegation: Discourtesy  
Officer Name: John Haynes  
CCA Finding: Unfounded  
Agree 2 - Oppose 4 - Abstain 0. **Motion failed.**

Allegation: Discourtesy  
Officer Name: John Haynes  
CCA Finding: Unfounded  
Member Spivey moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to issue a Board finding of Sustained.  
Agree 2 - Oppose 3 - Abstain 1. **Motion failed.**

Allegation: Discourtesy  
Officer Name: John Haynes  
CCA Finding: Unfounded  
Member Slusher moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to issue a Board finding of Not Sustained.  
Agree 5 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0. **Motion passed.**

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CCA case numbers 19128, 19165, 19186, 19220, 19269, 20038 and 20173 will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition. CCA case number 19007 will be held until the January 2022 meeting.

### **Announcements**

Chair Childers wished everyone a happy holiday and new year!

### **Closing**

Member Barr moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 8:13 p.m. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

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