

Citizen Complaint Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021

Attendees Present

CCA Board

Mark Childers, Chair
George Pye, Vice Chair
Timothy Barr, Jr., Board Member (arrive late)
Tracey Johnson, Board Member
Luz Elena Schemmel, Board Member
Phyllis Slusher, Board Member
Wanda Spivey, Board Member

Staff

Gabriel Davis, CCA Director
Dena Brown, Division Manager (Chief Investigator)
Jonathan Batista, CCA Investigator
Ikechukwu Ekeke, CCA Investigator
Morgan Givens, CCA Investigator
Jessalyn Goodman, CCA Investigator
Michelle Bonner, CCA Sr. Administrative Specialist
Heidi Woods, CCA Administrative Specialist
Lt. Vaughn Colin, CPD's Internal Investigation Section
Ashley Pannell, Assistant City Solicitor

Chair Childers called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

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

Director's Report

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

The Board was presented with 5 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports. In total, the reports involved 10 officers with 29 allegations with the recommended decisions of 16 exonerated, 5 sustained, 6 unfounded and 2 not sustained.

Public Comment

CCA #20058 – Stephen Lazarus, Esq, Lazarus & Lewis, LLC, was present and said, “We would just like, on the record, to indicate that we don't agree with the finding on that issue.” The FOP's position was that no force was used.

Elect Board Chair and Vice Chair

Member Barr moved and Vice Chair Pye seconded a motion to nominate Mark Childers as Chair for one year. Chair Childers and Member Slusher seconded a motion to nominate Mr. George Pye as Vice Chair for one year.

1. The board re-elected Mark Childers as Chair. (Agree 7 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**
 2. The board re-elected George Pye as Vice Chair. (Agree 7 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**
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New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 19149:** Vice Chair Pye moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 7 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

 2. **CCA Case Number 20014:** Vice Chair Pye moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 7 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

 3. **CCA Case Number 20058:** Member Barr moved and Member Pye seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 1). Member Slusher abstained. **Motion Passed.**

 4. **CCA Case Number 21059:** Member Slusher moved and Vice Chair Pye seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 7 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

 5. **CCA Case Number 21078:** Vice Chair Pye moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 1). **Motion Passed.**
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CCA final investigation reports: 19149, 20014, 20058, 21059, and 21078 will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

Recommendations Tracking

Jason Cooper, Division Manager (Criminal Justice Initiatives) presented CPD updates related to CCA Recommendations pertaining to CPD policies and procedures, UOF, mental health, bias free policing and access to police records.

Announcements

Chair Childers thanked Mayor Cranley and members of council for the increase in CCA's FY 2021 operating budget. Chair Childers and the board will submit a memo to the mayor and members of council regarding its gratitude.

Closing

Vice Chair Pye moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. (Agree 7 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion Passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**