



POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes from the Meeting of January 31, 2018

Board Members: Lucy Murray-Brown, Ted Robitaille, and Ann Coyne.

City Staff: Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Project Coordinator Crystal Rosa, Chief Administrative Officer Andrea Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Ann Coyne.

Public Comment:
No public comment.

Introductions

The board members introduced themselves to Andrea Brown, CPD Chief Administrative Officer. With the retirement of Deputy Superintendent Paul Ames, she is serving as the head of the Professional Standards Unit and is the new CPD liaison to the Board. CAO Brown oversees the department's Office of Planning, Budget & Personnel is the highest-ranking nonsworn person in the department. She is an attorney, although she does not practice law in her current position, and previously worked for the City of Cambridge Personnel Department.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 6, 2017, meeting and approved them unanimously on a motion from Board Member Murray-Brown, seconded by Board Member Robitaille.

Executive Secretary's Report

Exec. Sec. Corr traveled to Newark, NJ the first week of January to conduct a one-day training for the Newark Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), which was established two years ago. Exec. Sec. Corr explained that the Newark CCRB is not able to receive complaints or most other function of an oversight board because of lawsuit challenging the board's existence. The injunction only allows the CCRB's board members to receive training. Exec. Sec. Corr also took the opportunity of being in the area to get a tour of the New York Police Department's new, state-of-the-art training academy.

Exec. Sec. Corr traveled to St. Petersburg, FL for the annual planning meeting for the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Annual Training Conference scheduled for September 30 – October 4, 2018.

Exec. Sec. Corr will be speaking on a panel organized by Board Member Sealey in response to the documentary, "Whose Streets?" along with representatives from the ACLU, Black Lives Matter, and others on Friday, February 23 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Simmons College.

Exec. Sec. Corr will be participating on a panel on the state of civilian oversight internationally at the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) annual conference at the end of May in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Professional Standards Unit Report

CAO Brown shared a number of updates:

- CPD was awarded a \$40,000 grant to support victim witness advocates, also known as Sexual Assault Response Team.
- The Crime Analysis for 2017 Crime Statistics has been completed. There was an 11% reduction in serious crime and 44% reduction in violent crime in Cambridge
- The next in-service training series for officers will include legal updates, firearms training, and trauma-informed training. Eleven new officers will graduate from the field training officer program on February 11, 2018. They are assigned to Field Training Officers on a rotational schedule.
- Assistant City Manager Ellen Semonoff, CPD Commissioner Bard, and CPD Superintendent Elow presented at the recent Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) conference to talk about the City's Homelessness Outreach program.
- CPD has hired Adam Patten to serve as the new Community and Strategic Partnerships Coordinator, replacing Matt Nelson, who is now working for the City of Cambridge Budget Office
- In honor of Black History Month, CPD is showcasing its rich history of African American officers going back to 1884, and each floor at the headquarters will have a display highlighting that history. The entire photo essay can be viewed here: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/g9u1/>

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Board Member Murray-Brown moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Robitaille and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.