



# POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

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*A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts*

## **Minutes from the Meeting of December 6, 2017**

**Board Members:** Laurance Kimbrough, Lucy Murray-Brown, Ted Robitaille, and Beverly Sealey.

**City Staff:** Executive Secretary Brian Corr, Project coordinator Crystal Rosa, Deputy Superintendent Paul Ames

**The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by acting chair Lucy Murray-Brown.**

### **Public Comment:**

No public comment.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 25, 2017, meeting and approved them unanimously on a motion from Board Member Sealy, seconded by Board Member Robitaille.

### **Executive Secretary's Report**

Exec. Sec. Corr has met with Commissioner Bard, who will be attending next month's meeting, to discuss philosophy about police policy, community policing, and the relationship between CPD and PRAB.

Exec. Sec Corr provided a brief summary of the NACOLE/Police Foundation site visit that occurred on November 13-14. Researchers are doing case studies of nine cities, including Cambridge, and will develop a 15-20 page report on each city. During the visit, they interviewed elected and appointed city leaders; Police Review & Advisory Board members and the staff; Professional Standards Unit staff; police officers that do community outreach; and community members active in policing issues. The researchers will add data from these 30 minutes interviews to inform NACOLE's national research on best practices in civilian oversight, funded by the COPS Office of the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

On Friday, December 8, Exec. Sec. Corr will travel to Newark, NJ to conduct a one-day training for the Newark Civilian Complaint Review Board, and will also have the chance to have a tour of the NYPD training academy.

### **Professional Standards Unit Report**

- Dep. Supt. Ames informed the Board of a Procedural Justice Training on Wednesday, March 7 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for the Board. There will also be updates to laws related to domestic violence.
- Dep. Supt. Ames announced that Detective Brian O'Connor was recognized for his work as CPD liaison with the LGBTQ+ Commission and being an ally to the LGBTQ+ community by the Gay Officers Action League of New England (GOAL-NE) at its Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony.
- The 11th Annual Gift Drive for Seniors will occur Dec 9-Dec 15, donations can be left at the Police Headquarters.
- There will be 11 new officers graduating from the police academy this year, and another 15 officers next year. Among the graduating class of 2017 are two female officers and three

- Spanish-speaking officers.
- CPD is also participating in a new teenage empowerment program at Moses Youth Center working with 13-19 year olds who will volunteer with CPD.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Consideration of Complaints before the Board**

Board Member Robitaille moved that the Board go into executive session to review complaints pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, §21(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Board Member Sealey, and approved by unanimous vote. The Board entered executive session at 6:55 p.m.

**Reconvened in Regular Session**

The Board reconvened in regular session at 8:25 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Board Member Sealey moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Robitaille and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.