



POLICE REVIEW & ADVISORY BOARD

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes from the Meeting of March 31, 2021

Board Members present: Ann Coyne, Chair Ted Robitaille, Lucy Murray-Brown, and Beverly Sealey

City Staff present: Executive Director Brian Corr, Project Coordinator Crystal Rosa; CPD Director of Professional Standards and Training and Certification Unit James Mulcahy, Sergeant Michael LeVecque

Chair Robitaille called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 24, 2021, on a motion from Board Member Coyne seconded by Board Member Murray-Brown.

Executive Director's Report

ED Corr provided an update:

- ED Corr announced that the Board received 25 applicants to fill the vacancy. ED Corr will coordinate interviews with any interested members of the Board. ED Corr anticipated interviewing approximately seven to ten of the applicants.
- ED Corr received positive feedback about the Vision Zero training the Board received the previous week. ED Corr will arrange another training for the Board on 911 Calls and the Emergency Communications Center. The training will be an hour based on feedback that longer times can be challenging on Zoom. The Board discussed the possible dates and decided on Tuesday, May 18.
- ED Corr continues his work as a subject-matter expert to the City Manager's Task Force to Examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge.
- Since the last meeting, ED Corr presented to the Accountability Subcommittee of the Brookline Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, and also participated in a roundtable discussion with South Bend's Community Police Review Board along with Black Lives Matter founder Patrisse Cullors. ED Corr testified to the New Jersey State Legislature on Bill A4656 – which would allow municipalities there to create civilian review boards to review police operations and conduct.

Professional Standards Unit Report

Director Mulcahy shared updates from the Cambridge Police Department (CPD):

- Director Mulcahy announced that CPD is holding a series of interviews for Deputy Superintendent to fill the vacancies resulting from the retirements of Dep. Superintendents Dennis O'Connor and Jack Albert.
- Director Mulcahy announced that Sgt. Michael Logan is a new officer who has been assigned to PSU. Sgt. Logan was a detective in the homicide unit.
- Director Mulcahy stated that the Cambridge Police Academy is in session and that the in-service training in June will be conducted remotely.

Consideration of Complaints before the Board and Adjournment

Board Member Coyne moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Mass. Open Meeting Law to discuss pending complaints PR 2020-008. The motion was seconded by Board Member Murray-Brown and approved by a unanimous vote. The Board entered the executive session at 6:27 p.m. and adjourned the meeting from executive session at 7:41 p.m.

Documents Used During the Meeting

- Police Review & Advisory Board Minutes of February 24, 2021