

Police Civilian Review Panel

July 6, 2023

Cathy Hudgins Community Center

12125 Pinecrest Road Reston, VA 20191

Meeting Summary

Panel Members Present:

Cheri Belkowitz, Vice Chair
Bryon Garner
Celeste Peterson
Dirck Hargraves
William Ware
Janell Wolfe

Others Present:

Madison Gibbs, Counsel
Sanjida Lisa, PCR
Steven Richardson, PCR
Rachelle Ramirez, OIPA
Lt. Todd Sweeney, Internal Affairs Bureau
Community members

Vice Chair Belkowitz called the Police Civilian Review Panel's (PCR) business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and after taking attendance noted the presence of a quorum. She welcomed everyone to the Panel's July 6, 2023, meeting and thanked the Cathy Hudgins Community Center for hosting the Panel's meeting. Ms. Warren from the center gave a brief introduction of the types of events the center hosts and the community they serve.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Hargraves moved approval of the meeting agenda. Ms. Wolfe seconded the motion. Ms. Belkowitz mentioned wanting to amend the agenda to include Ms. Warren's introduction. The agenda was approved as amended unanimously.

Approval of June 12, 2023, Draft Meeting Summary: Mr. Hargraves moved approval of the Panel's July 20, 2023, meeting summary. Mr. Garner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Ware arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of June 20, 2023, Draft Meeting Summary: Mr. Hargraves moved approval of the Panel's July 12, 2023, meeting summary. Mr. Garner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Ware abstaining.

Initial Review of CRP-23-09: Ms. Wolfe provided a summary of the events that the Complainant alleged in her complaint. Ms. Belkowitz read from the initial review checklist and confirmed that the criteria were not met. Ms. Belkowitz gave the Complainant five minutes to address the Panel.

The Complainant presented her complaint and the details around the incident behind her allegations. The Complainant wanted to know if the subcommittee had reviewed all the documents she had included in her complaint. Ms. Belkowitz confirmed that she and her fellow subcommittee members had

reviewed the complaint and it did not change her decision to not forward her complaint for review by the full Panel.

Ms. Wolfe motioned to approve the Initial Review Report. Mr. Ware seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of June 27, 2023, Draft Meeting Summary: Mr. Garner moved approval of the Panel's June 27, 2023, meeting summary. Ms. Wolfe seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Initial Review of CRP-23-06: Mr. Hargraves provided a summary of the events alleged by the Complainant. Mr. Hargraves read from the initial review checklist and confirmed that the criteria, while some were alleged, were not met. Ms. Belkowitz gave the Complainant five minutes to address the Panel.

The Complainant presented to the Panel that he was not yet ready to address the Panel and requested more time at another Panel meeting to explain his case. Mr. Hargraves explained what the Panel reviews after the completion of the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigation. The Complainant again requested that he be given more time to address the Panel and requested an opportunity to write a letter to the Panel for consideration. Mr. Hargraves and Ms. Belkowitz agreed to let Mr. Wu submit his additional complaint summary to the Panel.

Mr. Garner motioned to approve the Initial Review Report. Mr. Ware seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of the 2022 Annual Report: Mr. Hargraves motioned to suspend Robert's Rules to not read aloud the entirety of the report. Ms. Wolfe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Ms. Wolfe wanted to request the addition of the Ad Hoc board's report. There was also discussion on adding the 2022 Use of Force training summary.

Ms. Wolfe motioned to approve the draft as amended. Mr. Hargraves seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Richardson presented his Executive Director's report. Mr. Richardson provided that a quarterly meeting was held with the Fairfax County Police Department's Chief at the Public Safety headquarters building, along with the Office of the Independent Police Auditor and the Deputy County Executive, Tom Arnold. Mr. Richardson provided that the Neighborhood and Community Services office had asked the PCRCP office to participate in the 2nd Annual Interfaith Resiliency Conference Civic Engagement Panel in September with more information to come. Mr. Richardson announced that a Spanish language PSA had been produced by the County's Channel 16 and an video of an English language PSA would be produced with Management Analyst Sanjida Lisa. Mr. Richardson provided that the Panel had been given a copy of the proposed mandatory training for their review and that he would be meeting with the Deputy County Executive for Public Safety, Tom Arnold, to seek his input and assistance in moving forward the training.

New Business: Ms. Wolfe mentioned the Recommendations Matrix and wanted to make sure they would be added to the August agenda for review.

Mr. Hargraves mentioned that the Ad Hoc Matrix working group had made recommendations that had been shared with the Board of Supervisors and he would providing to the Panel a brief presentation of the recommendations at an upcoming Panel meeting.

Ms. Ramirez provided a brief overview of the Virginia Oversight Committee (VACOLE) and provided there were no updates.

Ms. Peterson wanted to know how the locations of the Panel meetings were determined and if Panel members could make suggestions on locations based on the regions they represent. Mr. Richardson provided that meeting locations were determined based on the County's vulnerability study and that Panel members were welcome to provide suggestions for meeting locations.

Adjournment: Mr. Hargraves motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.