Police Civilian Review Panel

Meeting Agenda

Location:	Fairfax County Government Center – Room 4/5 12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035
Date:	July 11, 2024
Time:	7:00 pm
Website:	www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel/

Agenda details:

I. Call to Order

II. Agenda Items

a. Approval of Agenda

b. Approval of June 6, 2024 Draft Meeting Summary

c. Review Meeting for CRP-24-01

d. Review Meeting for CRP-24-02

e. OIPA Update

III. New Business

IV. Adjournment

Panel Meeting Schedule:

- September 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Panel's Purpose:
The nine-member Police Civilian Review Panel's mission is to enhance police legitimacy and to build and maintain trust between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) by reviewing certain FCPD investigations to ensure the accuracy, completeness, thoroughness, objectivity and impartiality of the investigation. It is appointed by, and reports directly to, the Board of Supervisors. The Panel is governed both by the bylaws approved by the Board of Supervisors and a code of ethics adopted by the Panel.

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June 6, 2024

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12000 Government Center Pkwy Fairfax, VA 22035

Meeting Summary

Panel Members Present:

Cheri Belkowitz, Chair

Todd Cranford

Fazia Deen

Bryon Garner, Vice Chair

Dirck Hargraves

Michael Lau

Celeste Peterson

Others Present:

Craig Miles, PCRP

Sanjida Lisa, PCRP

Rachelle Ramirez, OIPA (Virtually)

Kenneth Bynum, Counsel

Madison Gibbs, Counsel

Lt. Chris Cosgriff, Internal Affairs Bureau

Chair Belkowitz called the Police Civilian Review Panel's (PCRP) business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and after taking attendance, noted the presence of a quorum. She welcomed everyone to the Panel's June 6, 2024, meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Hargraves moved approval of the meeting agenda. Mr. Cranford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of May 2, 2024 Draft Meeting Summary: Mr. Garner moved approval of the May 2, 2024 draft meeting summary. Mr. Hargraves seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Law Enforcement Ethics Training Presentation: Mr. Craig Miles, Panel Liaison, provided everyone in attendance a second presentation on law enforcement ethics, based on chapters 3-5 of the "21st Century Police Accountability" book, by Samuel Walker and Carol Archbold.

CRP-24-01 – Review of Subcommittee Recommendations: Ms. Belkowitz provided a brief overview of the complaint and subcommittee processes. Mr. Cranford provided details of the allegations and a brief overview of the complaint. Mr. Cranford presented the initial disposition of the subcommittee and provided a brief explanation of the Panel's subcommittee process. He further provided the subcommittee recommended that the full Panel review the complaint with a subcommittee vote 2-1. Mr. Hargraves asked clarifying questions regarding the complainant's conduct.

Mr. Cranford moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation with full panel review. Mr. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CRP-24-02 – Review of Subcommittee Recommendations: Ms. Belkowitz provided details of the allegations and a brief overview of the complaint. Ms. Belkowitz also presented the initial disposition of the subcommittee and provided a brief explanation of the Panel's subcommittee process. Ms. Peterson and Mr. Hargraves provided further information about the complaint and their discussion during the subcommittee. The complainant was present virtually and was provided 15 minutes to address the Panel. Panel members were able to ask the Complainant some clarification questions about his complaint. Mr. Hargraves moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation with full panel review. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Annual Report Presentation: Mr. Cranford provided an update on his presentation of the Panel's 2023 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cranford provided that the Board of Supervisors continue to support the Panel and their efforts and encouraged the Panel to include more training opportunities.

July 11th Panel Meeting Date Change: Ms. Belkowitz provided that since the first Thursday in July would be a federal holiday, the Panel meeting date would be changed to Thursday, July 11, 2024 and there would be two Reviews held.

There was discussion on cancelling the August 1, 2024 Panel meeting. Mr. Cranford moved to cancel August Panel meetings as new Panel policy indefinitely, unless circumstances require the Panel to meet. Mr. Hargraves seconded the motion. Mr. Hargraves provided that he agreed with cancelling the August 2024 Panel meeting but did not agree that it should be cancelled in perpetuity. Mr. Lau provided that the Panel should be able to cancel a summer meeting as circumstances allow and that could switch between June, July or September, depending on the Panel's complaint timeline. Mr. Cranford withdrew his initial motion and moved to cancel the August 2024 Panel meeting. Mr. Hargraves seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business: Ms. Belkowitz presented information about the Gum Springs Community and Juneteenth day on June 15, 2024 and encouraged Panel members to volunteer to pass out brochures. Mr. Garner provided that it would be a good idea for the Panel to have an events calendar at the start of the year. Mr. Garner also presented that the Panel should have a regular review of the Code of Ethics. Ms. Belkowitz provided that the Panel should also review the Fairfax County Police Department's (FCPD) Canon of Ethics.

Mr. Cranford presented information about his ride-along with FCPD and encouraged the Panel members to sign up for them. Ms. Belkowitz provided that the body worn camera footage of a recent FCPD officer involved shooting had been released and recommended that the Panel review and discuss the video at its next meeting on July 11th.

Adjournment: Mr. Cranford motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hargraves seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 p.m.

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