

Community Oversight Board

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – 4:00 PM
Lentz Public Health Center – Centennial Room
2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and announced the presence of a quorum for the conducting of business.

Board Members in Attendance During the Course of the Meeting: *Jamel Campbell-Gooch, Robert Cooper, Jr., Ashlee Davis (Chair), Phyllis Hildreth, Walter Holloway, Adele Lewis, Danita Marsh, Andres Martinez, Brenda Ross, Matthew Sweeney, and Emmett Turner.*

Others in Attendance: *Ron Colter (Metro General Services), Alex Dickerson (Metro Legal), Marcus Floyd (Mayor's Office), Wanda Hadley (Metro Human Resources), Shannon Hall (Metro Human Resources), Elizabeth Waites (Metro Clerk), and Members of the Public*

Approval of minutes

Member Martinez moved to amend the minutes of the meeting on February 12 with a clerical correction as to the members of the By-Laws Committee, which motion was seconded by Member Lewis and approved by a voice vote of the Board. Member Holloway moved to adopt the minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Member Ross and approved by a voice vote of the Board.

Member Ross moved to amend the minutes of February 26, 2019 with a clerical correction as to the date indicated on the header of the minutes. Member Campbell-Gooch seconded the motion, which was approved by a voice vote of the Board. Member Ross moved to adopt the minutes as amended, which motion was seconded by Member Campbell-Gooch and approved by a voice vote of the Board.

Chair remarks

The Chair recognized the work of the task force chair, Member Campbell-Gooch, in regards to the statement on behalf of the Board in response to HB0658. The Chair requested an update from Mr. Floyd regarding police body cameras, who indicated that the pilot project has concluded and a contract is expected to be awarded in coming weeks.

Discussion of proposed office space

This agenda item was taken up at this time to accommodate the schedule of a guest from the General Services Department. Upon the Board's February 26, 2019 adoption of a motion to approve office space located at Parkway Towers, 11th floor, Mr. Colter from General Services provided an update that the Parkway Towers building managers have offered to allow use of space on the 18th floor temporarily as a gratuity, while the 11th floor is being made suitable for the Board executive staff. Mr. Colter indicated that a lease will be negotiated, and will thereafter be submitted to the Council for approval.

Discussion of creation of Board Committees

Member Sweeney moved to create an ad hoc Policies and Procedures Committee with approximately five (5) members of diverse backgrounds, and that said Committee not be dissolved prior to such time as the Board's Executive Director shall have been hired and afforded an opportunity to provide her or his input. The motion was seconded by Member Lewis. After discussion, the motion was approved by a voice vote of the Board, with Members Lewis and Ross abstaining.

The Chair called for a slate of volunteers for the Policies and Procedures Committee, and the following members were duly nominated: Members Lewis, Marsh, Martinez, Ross, and Sweeney. Member Hildreth moved to accept the slate of members, which motion was seconded by Members Cooper and Turner, and approved by a voice vote of the Board.

COB Executive Director Search

This agenda item was taken up at this time to accommodate the schedules of guests from the Human Resources Department. Director Hall announced that final candidate interviews are expected to take place at the Board meeting on March 26, 2019. Director Hall notified the Board that the following three (3) additional job classifications are expected for publication following adoption of the proposed job descriptions by the Board: Assistant Director, Senior Legal Advisor, and Investigators (3). Member Cooper moved to approve the job postings as proposed, which motion was seconded by Member Turner and approved by a voice vote of the Board.

Discussion of General Assembly Legislation HB0658/SB1407

The Chair requested an update from Mr. Floyd with respect to Tennessee General Assembly legislation no. HB0658. Mr. Floyd indicated that the House Calendar and Rules Committee advanced the bill on March 7, with a vote expected to take place March 14, 2019. Mr. Floyd indicated the matter is projected to go before a Conference Committee based upon substantive differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

Discussion of Proposed By-Laws

After discussion of substantive items proposed by the By-Laws Committee, the matter was deferred to the April 9, 2019 meeting. Member Lewis moved that Mr. Campbell-Gooch be added to the By-Laws Committee, which motion was seconded by Member Sweeney and approved by a voice vote of the Board.

Discussion of National Association of Community Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Regional Conference in Nashville, TN

The Chair announced a request by NACOLE for a \$3,000 sponsorship request to be authorized by the Board for the NACOLE Conference. Member Campbell-Gooch moved to decline the funding request from NACOLE in consideration of already agreed-upon attendance fees. Members Hildreth and Ross seconded the motion, which was approved by a voice vote of the Board.

Discussion regarding future meeting times

The next regular meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019, and Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Beginning on April 24, 2019 and thereafter, meetings will take place monthly on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of the month. The meeting on March 26, 2019 will take place at the Historic Courthouse.

Adjournment

Member Sweeney moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Member Campbell-Gooch and approved by a voice vote of the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.