



COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 13, 2020

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Remote – by WebEx

Members (4)	Present	Absent	
	(X)	()	Chair Andres Martinez
	(X)	()	First Vice Chair Jamel Campbell-Gooch
	(X)	()	Second Vice Chair Brenda Ross
	(X)	()	Secretary Matt Sweeney

Board Chair Andres Martinez convened the meeting at 4:02 p.m. A copy of the meeting agenda is attached.

A quorum was established. Also attending were Board Members Timothy Hughes, Shawn Whitsell and Phyllis Hildreth, COB Executive Director Jill Fitchard, Assistant Director Chris Clausi, Legal Advisor Todd Pinckley and Lead Research Analyst Peter Vielehr. The meeting was contemporaneously broadcast.

Appeal statement read.

Legal Advisor Todd Pinckley reviewed the emergency authority under which the meeting was being held remotely pursuant to the Governor's declaration of a state-wide emergency and Executive Orders 16, 34 and newly issued 60. On motion of Member Ross, seconded by Member Sweeney, the Committee unanimously approved holding this meeting remotely pursuant to the cited authority.

On the Motion of Member Sweeney, seconded by Member Ross, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of its September 9, 2020 meeting.

Chair Remarks

Chair Martinez noted that authority has been delegated to the Executive Committee to give final approval to the COB MOU with the MNP. However, noting that it is still being negotiated (awaiting final comments from MNP) he advised that it will probably be presented

to the Board for its approval at its next meeting as the most expedient process. He also reported on the MOU Task Force meeting occurred earlier in the week where the draft was discussed and negotiated. Director Fitchard was invited to talk about the key issues taken up by the Task Force. She reviewed the points in detail. As a bottom line, however, she reported that most of the matters were more in the way of clarification and specification than substantive. She said she was comfortable with the direction those discussions took and anticipates that final agreement will soon be reached. There do not appear to be any remaining substantive issues.

Chair Martinez advised that the MOU between the COB, the DA and MNPDP as to certain more limited document issues has been finalized and is ready for execution and the Committee has delegated authority from the Board to give final approval to that as well. Member Sweeney moved to approve that MOU, seconded by Member Ross, and approved by a unanimous vote. Chair Martinez will sign the Agreement.

Executive Director Remarks

Director Fitchard provided an overview of the status of the Proposed Resolution Report process. She advised that the first PRR will be presented to the Board at a special meeting on October 23 at 1:30. In preparation for that meeting, she and Chair Martinez have listened to a similar police oversight- type hearing in Atlanta, as a possible guide for how to conduct such a meeting. At our meeting, the Chair and the Executive Director will explain the process to the Board, the procedure and the applicable review standard. The proposed report will then be presented by the Director for the Board's consideration. In her presentation, Director Fitchard will summarize the complaint and detail the findings from the proposal, which both the parties and the Board members will have received before the meeting. If a request has been made by, and granted to, the parties to speak at the meeting on the PRR, the complainant will speak first, followed by the officer. The Board will then act on the PRR by motion: approving, approving with modifications, declining or returning it to the MNCO for further consideration or investigation.

Director Fitchard also provided an update on MNPDP action on the Board's policy recommendations, noting that we have not received complete substantive responses on the immigration report or on the 8CantWait report, due in part to the change in the MNPDP administration. She will send copies of the policy recommendations to Acting Chief Drake and will speak with him about them to secure responses.

New Business

Director Fitchard advised that the first PRR that will be presented at the specially called October 23, 2020 Board meeting has been provided to the complainant and the officer and has been posted on the new page on the COB site. The information on that PRR page will be presented in a spreadsheet format what will be searchable and sortable.

Adjournment

Member Campbell Gooch moved we adjourn and Member Ross seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:19

Approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on November 13, 2020

/s/ Matthew Sweeney 11/26/20