

Community Oversight Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 4:00 PM- 6PM
Howard Office Building – Sonny West Room (A&B)
700 2nd Ave S, Nashville, TN 37210

1. Call to Order

- Chair Arnold Hayes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- **Board Members in Attendance:** Drew Goddard, Arnold Hayes, Phyllis Hildreth, Joe Brown, Walter Holloway, MaKayla McCree, Michael Milliner, and Maxine Spencer.
- **Board Members Absent:** Hamid Abdullah, Shawn Whitsell, and Mark Wynn
- **Others in Attendance:** Jill Fitchard (Executive Director), Gavin Crowell-Williamson (Research Analyst), Daniel Yoon (Legal Resource Advisor), Marian Pinson (Administrative Assistant). No members of the public attended.

2. Establish Quorum and Reading of Appeals Statement

- A quorum was established for the meeting, and Chair Hayes read the appeals statement.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Board Member Milliner suggested the details associated with PRR modifications appear as part of the transcript of the written record going forward.
- Board Member Milliner stated he didn't know if it was precedented or not to see public comments in the official record, he suggested going forward for the Board to look at whether that is the most expedient and appropriate thing to do.
- Board Member Goddard commented further regarding Board Member Milliner's comment on public comments – Board Member Goddard suggested it may be helpful to include a hyperlink to the video online from the meetings when they are posted online so that there can be a more summary description of comments or if someone wanted to see a specific comment that was made.
- Board Member Milliner moved to accept the minutes. Board Member McCree seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

4. Chair Remarks – Arnold Hayes, Chair

- Chair Hayes began his remarks by publicly thanking those on the front line of the Community Oversight Board staff by name.

- Chair Hayes updated the Board that he wrote a letter in response to Chief Drake’s reply to PRR CC2020-013. The letter was written and mailed on March 18, 2022, and a copy was e-mailed to the Board and is posted on the Community Oversight Board website.

5. Executive Director’s Report – Jill Fitchard, Executive Director

Director Fitchard provided highlights from her written report to the Board. The full Executive Director’s Report is attached to these Minutes.

- Personnel update – The new Administrative Assistant was announced. The Community Liaison position has been advertised on Nashville.Gov. The closing date will be May 27, 2022, and after that, the Research Analyst position will be posted.
- Research Analyst Gavin Crowell- Williamson worked on two reports for the MNCO: (1) Shot-Spotter - This information was provided for the community because of ongoing interest in this technology, and (2) a Policy Advisory report comparing the COB and the MNPD investigative findings.
- 3 Investigative complaints were received since the last board meeting in February, 9 complaint calls for service, and 2 dispositions were issued relating to MNPD misconduct.
- Director Fitchard responded to the March 7, 2022 letter from the Chief of Police with the department’s recommendation to D2020-002 resolution report. Because of the length of the response, it is posted on Nashville.Gov.
- Another use of force hearing will be heard on March 31, 2022.
- The License Plate Reader bill BL2022-1116 passed in the legislature on March 12, 2022 and approved by the Mayor on March 16, 2022.
- A Department Head meeting will be held on March 31, 2022

6. Policy Advisory Report

- **“Comparing Community Oversight Board and Metro Nashville Police Department Investigative Findings.” – Gavin Crowell-Williamson, Research Analyst**

7. Report: ShotSpotter – Gavin Crowell- Williamson, Research Analyst

- MNPD and MNCO Administrative language process differs.
- Will provide a MNCO monthly response tracking.

8. Public Comment

- None

9. New Business / Announcements

- Legal Advisor Yoon provides ITS updates

- Executive Director Fitchard provided update on the location of the next meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM will be at East Park Community Center, 700 Woodland Street, Nashville, TN 37206

10. Adjourn

- Board Member Brown called for the meeting to adjourn. Seconded by Board Member McCree. Motion was approved unanimously. Adjourned at 5:57 PM.