

Community Review Board
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 28, 2024, at 4:00 pm
Howard School Building, Sonny West Room
700 2nd Ave, S., Nashville, TN 37210

Attendees:

- **Board Members in Attendance:** Alisha Haddock (Chair), Joe Brown (Vice Chair), Drew Goddard, Mary Brown, Walter Holloway, Shawn Whitsell, and Mark Wynn.
- **CRB Staff in Attendance:** Jill Fitchard (Executive Director), Demica Cash (Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist), and Dylan DePriest (Policy Analyst).
- Nicki Eke (Metro Legal Attorney) and members of the public.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Haddock called the meeting to order.

2. Reading of the Appeals Statement:

Chair Haddock read the appeal statement pursuant to Section 2.68.030 of the Metropolitan Code.

3. Establish Quorum:

Board Member Goddard, as Secretary, confirmed the presence of a quorum.

4. Chair Remarks:

Chair Haddock thanked the public for attending the special called meeting. Chair Haddock informed the public that on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 the CRB was notified of a complaint with the Office of Police Accountability (OPA) containing many allegations, including allegations that Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) officers were involved in the drafting of and lobbying for legislation abolishing of the Community Oversight Board. Chair Haddock stated the special called meeting was to discuss the complaint with the Board. Chair Haddock also noted the complainant, and said she felt it was important for the Community Review Board (CRB) to have access to the complaint to review because of the implications it could have on the continuous work of the CRB.

Board Discussion:

- OPA Complaint:

- Metro Legal Attorney Eke informed the Board of the legal ramifications of discussing elements of the complaint while the complaint is under investigation. Metro Legal Attorney Eke informed the Board they would have the opportunity to discuss the case further and make recommendations after the investigation is closed according to Tennessee Law.
- Chair Haddock and Executive Director Fitchard discussed their concerns with Metro Legal Attorney Eke regarding the Board's inability to discuss the allegations by the complainant.
- Board Member Brown suggested that the Board continue finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- Attorney Eke could not provide specific details to Board Member Wynn on all the ramifications or sanctions that could occur if the Board discussed the complaint.
- Chair Haddock moved that the Board ask Mayor O'Connell to review the complaint and assign someone outside of OPA to investigate this complaint. Board Member Whitsell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- MOU:
 - Attorney Frank Brazil with Brazil Clark, PLLC updated the Board on the changes to the current MOU draft.
 - Board Member Brown moved to adopt the latest MOU draft with the most recent changes, proceed with negotiating the MOU and set up a meeting with MNP. Board Member Beard seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Board Member Goddard informed the Board that Frank Brazil and he would write a short memo on the legal issues regarding the CRB access to records from OPA, the concerns surrounding the CRB, MOU negotiations with MNP, and the recent complaint. Board Member Goddard also noted that they would give the MOU draft to the Metro Legal Director to give to the MNP, as he requested, with notes in the draft explaining the source of the various provisions.

5. Public Comment:

- There were 5 public comments.
- Chair Haddock noted the struggle the CRB has experienced with Capitol Hill as she encouraged the public to continue walking alongside the CRB. She informed the public that the CRB is committed to transparency with the public.

- Board Member Wynn publicly thanked the person who came forward with the complaint.

6. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.