

MINUTES
POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

August 9, 2023
Meeting Held Remotely Via Zoom

Members present: Reggie Parson, Chair; Anne Hardcastle, Vice Chair (left meeting at 7:47); Xavier Botana (joined in Executive Session), Reverend Kenneth Lewis (joined at 6:03); Kaylin Kerina; Tim Smith; Jean-Raymond Desruisseaux (Gino)

Members absent: none

Staff present: Associate Corporation Counsel Rachel Millette; Major Robert Martin; Sergeant Zachary Finley; Tracy Boyd

6:03 Call to order.

Motion was made by Kay and seconded by Gino to adopt minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting. Passage 4-0.

Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Sec. 405(6)(F) to discuss IA2023-003.

Motion was made to enter into Executive Session by Reverend Lewis and seconded by Anne. Passage 6-0.

Out of Executive Session.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA 2023-003 was timely; seconded by Anne; roll call vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Reverend Lewis to find that IA2023-003 was thorough; seconded by Gino; roll call vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Kay to find that IA 2023-003 was fair; seconded by Reverend Lewis; roll call vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Reverend Lewis to find that IA 2023-003 was objective; seconded by Gino; roll call vote 7-0.

Public comment, Zach Barowitz and Joey Brunelle each spoke.

Discussion of letter from PCRS to the City Council. Xavier asked about the requirement of how long a candidate would have to be separated from the City before applying to serve. Rachel answered the current ordinance encompasses both the Employment Subcommittee and the PCRS. If the new body is not a part of Civil Service, will that remove the provision? Rachel responded that it is possible for the City Council to change that provision. Xavier stated that he was comfortable with a year long period of separation. Group agreed to that cooling off period. Rev. Lewis would like all city employees treated the same with no difference between school employees

and the remainder of city employees. Xavier asked if the new committee might be able to separate out from the Civil Service Commission and conversation ensued.

Staffing: Kay is concerned about the FTE count in relation to the Community Liaison position. Reggie shared that he met with the Mayor and has been assured that there would be funding available for the positions. Kay recalled that according to NACOLE guidelines, the group should be funded up to what amounts to 1% of the police budget. Kay also would like to know who would appoint the Community Liaison, Reggie would like the newly formed board to preserve the ability to hire its own technical advisor.

Review of Complaints: Rachel removed the language around command staff that raised concern at the last meeting. Kay thinks the group should consider adding more criteria for review of internal affairs investigation. Rev. Lewis commented that the Charter language is not prescriptive and it leaves the work to the City Council, while reminding the group that their essential function has not changed, their function is auditing. He cautioned that they need to be careful to avoid re-legislating. Rachel reminded the group that they need to consider the language of Charter vs. the intent of the Charter Commission.

Motion was made by Reverend Lewis to authorize Reggie to sign the letter with tonight's corrections on behalf of the subcommittee. Tim seconded, motion passed 6-0.

Public comment from Zach Barowitz and Joey Brunelle.

8:16 Motion was made by Tim to adjourn, seconded by Xavier. Passage 6-0.