

**AMENDED MINUTES
POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE**

**December 13, 2023
Meeting Held Remotely Via Zoom**

Members present: Reggie Parson, Chair; Xavier Botana; Tim Smith; and Jean-Raymond Desruisseaux (Gino).

Members absent: Anne Hardcastle; Reverend Kenneth Lewis; and Kaylin Kerina

Staff present: Associate Corporation Counsel Rachel Millette; Interim Assistant Police Chief Robert Martin; Tracy Boyd

6:03 Call to order.

Motion was made by Tim and seconded by Gino to adopt minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting. Passage 4-0.

Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Sec. 405(6)(F) to discuss IA2023-009, IA2023-014, IA2023-015, IA2023-016.

6:09 Motion was made to enter into Executive Session by Gino and seconded by Xavier. Passage 4-0.

7:03 Out of Executive Session.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA 2023-009 was timely; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA 2023-009 was fair; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Xavier to find that IA2023-009 was thorough; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA 2023-009 was objective; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Xavier to find that IA 2023-014 was timely; seconded by Gino; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA 2023-014 was fair; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Tim to find that IA2023-014 was thorough; seconded by Gino; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA 2023-014 was objective; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Tim to find that IA 2023-015 was timely; seconded by Gino; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Tim to find that IA 2023-015 was fair; seconded by Gino; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA2023-015 was thorough; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Gino to find that IA 2023-015 was objective; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Xavier to find that IA 2023-016 was timely; seconded by Gino; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Xavier to find that IA 2023-016 was fair; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Xavier to find that IA2023-016 was thorough; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Motion was made by Xavier to find that IA 2023-016 was objective; seconded by Tim; roll call vote 4-0.

Gino began a discussion of missed opportunities to evangelize the work and transparency of the subcommittee through existing Portland Police Department media platforms, which already receive a lot of public engagement, and City media platforms. He will reach out to see who should be contacted to explore this idea. Xavier commented that the real opportunity to increase public engagement lies ahead with the implementation of the Charter changes. Tim commented that the group may want to temper expectations around public engagement. Reggie agrees the new board can start fresh to bring more voices and perspective with the increase in the number of board members. Xavier suggested adding language to the complainant letter to inform people of the board's review of their IA case. Rachel commented that the present subcommittee can send the recommendation to the City Manager. Reggie added that they could also include the recommendation in the Annual Report. Reggie raised concerns around the opportunity to work on the annual report and asked Rachel how much notice the subcommittee might have before they are disbanded. Rachel is unsure as to how much notice the subcommittee will have.

Rachel prepared a memo to the board regarding the second draft of the ordinance. The draft ordinance is still being discussed with the police unions. Xavier asked questions regarding the auditing function of the Civil Police Review Board (CPRB), the City Council's appeal process, and staffing. Reggie raised a concern regarding the 24 hour deadline for the CPRB to forward the complaint to the Internal Affairs. Xavier raised concerns about the true effectiveness of the CPRB if it cannot change the outcome of an investigation. Xavier asked if the draft ordinance may change before the City Council reviews it, and Rachel answered that it may change before it is sent back to the City Council. Rachel believes that the earliest the proposed draft will reach the City Council would be January 17, 2024, or it could be later. The subcommittee can prepare a letter to the City Council with their comments and concerns about the draft and/or each member, in their own individual capacity, can contact the councilors.

Public comment from Joey Brunelle, 655 Congress Street, and Marcella Makinen was offered. Gino, Tim, Xavier, and Reggie all responded to the public comment, which centered largely around public engagement. Public comment began at 19:22:48 and ended at 19:30:55. <https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6568/media>

Discussion around whether the subcommittee will meet if there are no cases to review and the potential of whether Rachel will have any draft ordinance updates.

7:40 Motion was made by Gino to adjourn, seconded by Tim. Passage 4-0.