

City of Portland
Police Citizen Review Subcommittee

AGENDA
June 9, 2021
6:00 PM

1. ZOOM Information

On Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the Police Citizen Review Subcommittee will conduct a virtual meeting via Zoom, as allowed by 1 M.R.S. Sec. 403-A. Please allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend the meeting live, the City will be posting a recording of the meeting after it has concluded. Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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2. Call to Order

3. Approval of May 12, 2021 minutes.

Attached.

a. Attached.

4. Public Comment Session

5. Subcommittee Business

a. Discuss status of community survey on police oversight model and next steps (Chair West).

b. Discuss annual report edits (Ms. Kerina).

- c. Discuss defining standards of whether an investigation was thorough, fair, timely, and objective (Rev. Lewis and Mr. Parson).

6. Adjourn

POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

May 12, 2021

Meeting Held Remotely Via Zoom

Members present: Emily West, Chair; Reggie Parson, Vice Chair; Kaylin Kerina; Rev. Lewis

Members absent: Sarai Manyiel

Staff present: Anne Torregrossa

6:03 Call to order via Zoom.

Motion to accept minutes of April 12, 2021. Seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.

There was no public comment.

Chair West gave an update on the PCRS community survey. So far there were 80 responses received, and the survey closes next week. Mr. Parson and Ms. Kerina agreed to follow up with their media contacts to see if they could get a story about the survey before it closes.

Chair West summarized some of the initial results of the survey, including demographics of the responders. The PCRS will discuss next steps at the June meeting.

The PCRS then discussed the annual report. The Subcommittee only reviewed four cases in 2020. The group decided that the data categories were appropriate. Rev. Lewis suggested adding an executive summary to the report. Mr. Parson suggested adding a summary about the impact that COVID had on the PCRS's work. Rev. Lewis wondered if COVID also impacted the Police Department's interactions with the public, contributing to a decrease in complaints.

Suggestions for the annual report include:

- Revising the introduction to add key findings across the years from 2017-2020 and then in 2020 alone
- Create graphs around certain information, although it is difficult to do any analysis on demographic information because it is so incomplete
- Reference the NACOLE trainings attended by members
- Recommendations to the City Manager
- Reference the PD SOPs, many of which are online now
- Action items for 2021 (discussion of impact of Charter Commission, change how cases are reviewed moving forward, additional PCRS education around PD trainings, ridealongs, outside trainings, reviewing the work of similar oversight bodies in other jurisdictions, community planning)

The PCRS next discussed the draft document describing how the Subcommittee would evaluate the factors of timely, fair, thorough, and objective when reviewing IA investigations.

Timeliness - The PCRS discussed whether there were standards by which to measure timeliness. Assistant Chief Gorham discussed the PD's SOP on investigations. The PCRS thought that there should be some objective measure while still recognizing mitigating circumstances.

Thoroughness - The PCRS discussed how they would ensure that all relevant witnesses were interviewed, what allowance would be made for uncooperative witnesses, etc. Chair West suggested that someone look at the PD SOP for guidance.

Fairness - The PCRS agreed that they would review the relevant SOPs and revisit this topic further.

Objectivity - The PCRS agreed that there was substantial overlap between objectivity and fairness and they would continue to think about the appropriate standards.

The PCRS next discussed its workplan:

June meeting: Discuss survey results (Chair West); annual report edits (Ms. Kerina); updated standards for evaluating review criteria (Rev. Lewis and Mr. Parson)

8:02 Motion to adjourn. Second. Roll call vote 4-0.

