

City of Lawrence
Community Police Review Board
October 10, 2018 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephanie Littleton
Tony Mitchell
Jane Gibson
Sanjay Mishra, Ph.D.
Bill Graybill
Tonia Salvini

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brooklynne Mosley

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager
Maria Garcia, Assistant City Attorney
David Ernst, Sergeant, Lawrence Police Department
Casey Cooper, Captain, Lawrence Police Department
Shannon Riggs, Sergeant, Lawrence Police Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: Lisa Larsen, Vice Mayor

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Maria Garcia.

Captain Casey Cooper and Sergeant Shannon Riggs provided the Board use of force training, including a demonstration of the use of force simulator. During the training, board members asked a number of questions relating to use of force.

Ms. Stoddard joined the meeting.

Ms. Garcia presented an overview of Ordinance 9324, regarding the Community Police Review Board. The board asked questions and staff provided guidance regarding various provisions of the ordinance. Many of the board's questions related to the board's role during executive session and its standard of review in analyzing an internal investigation related to racial or other bias-based complaints. Board members expressed some concern about the conflict between not re-weighting evidence and reviewing for substantial competent evidence, which staff attempted to address. Ms. Stoddard stated that if the Board had concerns with this or other language in the ordinance, it could always recommend modifications to the City Commission.

Ms. Littleton expressed that it would be helpful to have a report on the outreach and education activities conducted by the Lawrence Police Department.

It was suggested that the complaint form for the Police Department be available in a fillable format. Sergeant Ernst said he would provide that.

After discussion regarding a Chairperson for the Board, there was a motion made by Mr. Graybill, seconded by Ms. Littleton, to elect Tony Mitchell as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion regarding a Vice Chairperson for the Board, there was a motion made by Dr. Mishra, seconded by Ms. Gibson, to elect Tonia Salvini as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the September 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dr. Mishra, seconded by Ms. Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a regular meeting schedule. Ms. Stoddard proposed a quarterly schedule to begin in January with meetings in January, April, July and October. The July meeting could serve as an annual meeting to consider the annual report that is due by July 31. Several board members would not be available for the proposed meeting times in January. Mr. Mitchell requested the assistance of staff to poll the members for available meeting times in January. Dr. Mishra stated that he is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, not Wednesdays. Ms. Stoddard said that she would coordinate a meeting time and follow up with the Board.

Mr. Mitchell requested a revised roster with updated contact information for the Board members. Ms. Stoddard said that she would send that information to the Board. Mr. Mitchell announced that he had established a new email related to his work with the Board- tonymitchell.cprb@gmail.com.

It was discussed that the agenda items for the January meeting would include a further review of the bylaws and a report on outreach and education efforts from the Police Department.

Ms. Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mishra. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.
