

City of Lawrence
Community Police Review Board
January 24, 2019 minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Graybill

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager
Maria Garcia, Assistant City Attorney
David Ernst, Sergeant, Lawrence Police Department
Amy Rhoads, Sergeant, Lawrence Police Department

PUBLIC PRESENT: One

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Chair Mitchell.

December 5, 2018 Minutes:

The board discussed some proposed changes to the amendments proposed by Dr. Gibson. *A motion was made by Dr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Mishra to approve the December 5, 2018 minutes, as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Review and Discussion of Proposed Changes to CPRB bylaws:

The board had discussion about the proposed bylaws changes. Ms. Stoddard stated that the proposed change to Article VIII, Section 2 of the bylaws was language from the ordinance and that in order to change that language, the ordinance language would require a change. She suggested a way to handle this would be to add to the recommend changes to the ordinance for the City Commission to consider but consider the bylaws without that change at this time. If the Commission approved changes to the ordinance, the bylaws could then be revisited. A typo in Article VIII, Section 3 of the bylaws draft was noted. The board discussed a change to the ordinance, Section 2504 (a)(8) regarding how complaints are received. A change to that section was discussed to delete the reference to how complaints are processed since the board had no control over how a complaint was processed.

Dr. Gibson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mishra, to table the Article VIII, Section 2 change to the bylaws until the City Commission can review requested changes to the ordinance and recommend a change to Section 2504 (a)(8) of the ordinance striking the second half of the third sentence to read "Board members shall receive the complaint in

a confidential manner (remainder of sentence deleted). Motion was approved unanimously.

Tonia Salvini made a motion to approve the bylaws, excluding the change to Article VIII, Section 2 and correcting the typo in Article VIII, Section 3. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mishra. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board then discussed the draft memorandum that was prepared to transmit the Board's recommendations to the City Commission regarding changes to the ordinance. Some revisions were suggested to the memorandum to add the discussion from this meeting by referencing this meeting date and adding a section regarding proposed changes to Section 2504 (a)(8).

Chair Mitchell made a motion to approve the memorandum with the changes discussed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gibson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board received a presentation from Amy Rhoads, Lawrence Police Department Sergeant, regarding work of the public affairs division and specifically the public outreach and education and public involvement activities of the Police Department during 2018.

The Board discussed the level of outreach to marginalized groups. Sergeant Rhoads indicated that outreach demographics aren't actively tracked regarding many of the activities. She was very open to the Board's suggestions about outreach. The Board discussed a desire to brainstorm about outreach efforts and have further discussion about the presentation at the next meeting.

Additionally, the Board discussed a desire to have a presentation from the County regarding the study being undertaken on disproportionate minority contact at the next meeting. The Board wanted the examples of hypothetical investigation steps to be delayed until the July meeting.

Chair Mitchell indicated that he had a conflict with the meeting dates in April and in July. He requested that the Board members be polled by staff regarding a possible meeting date in March and in May instead of April.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mishra. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Date approved by the Board: March 26, 2019

Date forwarded to City Commission: April 9, 2019