



## City of New Haven Civilian Review Board

### Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2021

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Date: November 22, 2021, 6:00 pm

Minutes by Rock Crouse,

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#### 1. Call to Order: 6:08pm

##### Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Avshalom-Smith, Carter, Counsel, Crouse, Fawcett, Hamm, Jenkins, Johnson, Peralta, Pescatore, Richardson, RiveraBerrios, Ross-Lee, Wingate.
- b. **Absent:**
- c. **Guests:** Captain Zannelli (NHPD), Lt. Colon (NHPD), Al Lucas (Board of Alders)
- d. **Members of the Public:**

#### 2. Approval of Minutes -

This item was passed over.

#### 3. Internal Affairs report

Internal Affairs report Captain Zanelli and Lt Colon gave the monthly report. There was a lengthy discussion of a complaint that emerged from a response to a call for a burglary that resulted in the chase and the arrest of several juveniles not involved in the burglary

#### 4. General Public Comment (Questions in chat and public comment)

The Board discussed making sure that members do what they can to review cases.

#### 5. Subcommittee reports

The subcommittee reported on their review of several cases-

- a. Case #21C-019 and the Case #21C-018 complaints filed the same day against the same officer at Walmart. The committee offered its recommendations about officers who punched civilians and asked that standards for throwing punches to the face or head because even though it may be allowed it doesn't demonstrate restraint or calmness to the public.



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It also involved punches to the head at 157 Church Street. Failing to de-escalate and failing to make arrests in a manner Officers be trained when people feel being treated unfairly because of rate. And other officers should feel comfortable advising others officer to step back if they feel they are acting appropriately.

#### 6. Unfinished business and General Policy Items

There was agreement to have a pro bono review of a case by Attorney Liam Brennan.

Crouse: reminded everyone to respond to the outstanding requests for cases backlog and for iholback training. It was agreed that by December 6th everyone would respond by filling out the form.

Subcommittee Review Process proposed by Member Hamm was adopted.

Member Crouse noted that Lt. Colon offered the CRB the opportunity to review the case 21C-065 where the complaint was sustained. And the Board agreed to do so.

#### 7. Public Comment on Complaints and Reports

None.

8. **Executive Session** was not required.

#### 9. Act on complaints and reports

Member Crouse asked about the reports and that a template would be created so that report would be submitted with a summary of what has been done, the training, the number of cases, and the amount of review cases and recommendations from the CRB.

#### 10. New Business

- A. Chair Ross-Lee requested that an upcoming meeting be in person. Board members' concerns were expressed, and a vote was taken and approved that before a meeting be in person everyone be vaccinated twice and that everyone who qualifies for booster shots have those as well. No vote count.
- B. Chair Ross-Lee congratulated member Avshalom-Smith on being elected to the Board of Alders.
- C. It was noted that the City of Meriden has created their Civilian Board and wanted to let this Board know that.



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**9. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.