



City of New Haven Civilian Review Board

Minutes for

December Monthly Meeting of the Board

December 18, 2023

6:00 PM

In-Person Attendance:

Bears BBQ on James Street

Virtual Attendance:

[Link](#)

1. Roll Call 6:00 PM

Present: Carter, Comins, Fawcett, Rivera-Berrios, McClure, Kimbro, Jenkins (joined late),

Absent: Pescatore

Invitees: Atty Merkin

Members of the Public: Mary O'Leary.

2. Approval of Minutes motioned by Rivera-Berrios, Carter Seconded. Minutes for November's monthly meeting approved.

3. Old Business

- a. No unfinished business and General Policy Items.
- b. Discussion of complaints and reports and vote on new cases to review - IA report was emailed in advance.

Discussion on any current cases

- i. 22C-051 (Fawcett, Jenkins, Rivera, Comins)
No concerns, the officer involved is no longer with the department.
- ii. 23C-013 (Pescatore, Rivera, Jenkins, Comins)
No discussion.
- iii. 21C-103 (Carter, Comins, McClure, Pescatore)
Rivera-Berrios reviewed the case and Fawcett also reviewed the case and it was confusing but there were no concerns.
McClure: what is the time a car is allowed to park before it is towed?
Rivera-Berrios: 72 hours.
McClure: and then what happens?
Rivera-Berrios: You call the police who ask for the tow.

4. General Public Comment (Questions in chat and public comment) - None.



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5. Chair's Report - 6:250
 - a. Ordinance Revision Update - New Alders being sworn in at the beginning of January at Wilbur Cross. No movement on this item during transition as the subcommittee will be changing.
6. Administrator's Report - 6:30
 - a. Annual Report Presentation - Administrator Heimer presented the draft and asked for any and all changes. The Board Chair will write a letter. Case breakdown details and subcommittee work is detailed as well as the other required portions outlined in the ordinance and bylaws. It includes a line item request in the new budget for \$150,000.00.

The Chair mentioned that training for CRB members will resume in 2024. As we are growing, we need to think about what training would be beneficial.

A discussion was held on putting a portion of the money into a CD for earning interest for the Board.

Member Carter requested that we changed the descriptions of the cases to hide any identifying information.

7. CRB Attorney's Report -
Rivera Berrios and Atty Merkin met with the Chief and we have to keep having progress and keep vigilant. Nothing else to report.

Member Kimbro wanted to be more proactive as a board and make sure we are doing things that won't be detrimental to the relationship with the PD.

Carter added that we need to think about how we want to include data in the annual report to tell the story to the community of the work the Board does, and also the work the Police do.

8. Motion to adjourn by Rivera Berrios at 6:38pm

Holiday Party followed at Bear's BBQ Smokehouse 470 James Street New Haven, CT 06513

Per Order: Hon. Anne Marie Rivera-Berrios, Chair; Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City/Town Clerk.
Agenda Prepared by Administrator Alyson C. Heimer.