

Community Review Board
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 28, at 5:00 pm
Howard School Building, Sonny West Room
700 2nd Ave, S., Nashville, TN 37210

Attendees:

- **Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Alisha Haddock, Drew Goddard, Joe Brown, and Walter Holloway.
- **CRB Staff in Attendance:** Jill Fitchard (Executive Director), Kim Risby (Assistant Director), Keturah Barnett (Administrative Services Manager), Demica Cash (Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist), Kevin Welch (Media Content Specialist), and Sheriell Scott (Compliance Monitor).
- **Absent:** Board Member Shawn Whitsell, and Board Member Mark Wynn.
- Attorney Frank Brazil of Brazil and Clark, PLLC; Commander Carlos Lara of Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPd), and members of the public.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Haddock called the meeting to order.

2. Reading of the Appeals Statement:

Chair Haddock read the appeal statement pursuant to Section 2.68.030 of the Metropolitan Code.

3. Establish Quorum:

Chair Haddock confirmed the presence of a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Board Member Brown moved for the approval of the minutes of September 23, 2024. Board Member Goddard seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

5. Chair Remarks:

There were no chair remarks.

6. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

7. Executive Director's Report:

- Executive Director Fitchard introduced the newest Community Review Board Compliance Monitor, Sheriell Scott to the Board. ED Fitchard informed the Board she will be working to fill one more vacant Compliance Monitor position soon. ED Fitchard informed the Board that she met with the Mayor's Office of Performance Management led by Kristen Wilson and her team to

discuss the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. ED Fitchard informed the Board information was provided in their packet regarding the Nashville Community Review Board FY 25 budget with the actual year-to-date invoice expenditures and budget balances for review. ED Fitchard informed the Board they will have to decide who will Chair the Budget committee once Board Member Goddard's appointment term expires.

- ED Fitchard informed the Board that the Developer and CEO of the new case management system, SIVIL, will be in town from Friday, November 1, 2024, to Monday, November 4, 2024, to meet with staff and ITS to discuss some of the particulars.
- ED Fitchard informed the Board that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) meeting will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 10:00 am.
- ED Fitchard informed the Board that the CRB has received updated information from the Metro Nashville Police Department's (MNPd) Attorney, Cynthia Gross regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) draft.
 - Outreach:
 - ED Fitchard informed the Board of the Fall Festival event that will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10 am- 2 pm. ED Fitchard encouraged board members to come out to the event. ED Fitchard provided information to the Board of the community stakeholders that will be in attendance at this event as follows: The YWCA, NAACP, Royal Table Incorporated, Backfield in Motion, Choosing Justice Initiative, TN. Human Rights Commission, Metro Public Defender's Office, Regions Bank, and Meharry Medical College will be there to complete wellness checks, WeGo Public Transit will have their hunt bus for the event.
 - Complaints:
 - ED Fitchard informed the Board that for the month of October, the CRB has received 2 commendations, 3 citizen complaints, over 35 calls for service, and several out-of-jurisdiction cases.
 - ED Fitchard informed the Board that they received the statistical complaint, allegations, and the 6-month active case reports that Board Member Brown asked about in their packet.
 - Board Member Holloway informed the Board that Commander Lara informed him that MNPd would set up a tent and ensure security for the Saturday, November 2, 2024, event at Hartman Park.
 - Board Member Goddard informed the Board that the CRB chair selects the CRB Budget Committee Chair. ED Fitchard informed the Board that Mayor O'Connell has 2 new appointment nominations, Mr. Walter Searcy, and Heather Meshell, to fill the CRB board seat vacancies. ED Fitchard informed the Board that both names will go before the Metro Council on Thursday, November 7, 2024, for their approval.

- Board Member Brown expressed his concern that only 48% of the CRB case file complaints have been completed for review within the last 6 months. Board Member Brown asked ED Fitchard if there is a plan to get cases down. ED Fitchard informed the Board that the CRB is currently working on cases, noting that some cases are resolved as they await receiving record and body-worn camera requests. ED Fitchard informed the Board that the turnaround on record requests is 4 months, noting that when the CRB gets the MOU and the requested body-worn camera footage they can begin to complete complaint cases. ED Fitchard noted that some cases have been reviewed and awaiting progress. ED Fitchard and the Board discussed whether the CRB will have at least 3-4 cases to present at the Board meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024. The Board discussed uploading the CRB complaint cases to the CRB website for the public.
- Board Member Brown moved for the approval of the Executive Director's report. Board Member Holloway seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

8. Board Discussions:

- **MOU Negotiations:**
 - Board Member Goddard updated the Board on the MOU draft negotiations. The Board continued to discuss MOU negotiations.
- **Board Vacancies:**
 - ED Fitchard informed the Board that Mayor O'Connell has nominated Walter Searcy and Heather Mitchell to be appointed to fill the CRB vacancies. ED Fitchard noted their terms are for 1 year and will end in 2025. The Board continued to discuss the Board's appointment terms.

Chief of Police Community Safety Initiative:

- There was no discussion for the Chief of Police Community Safety Initiative.

9. New Business/Announcements:

- Board Member Goddard asked for a short-term resolution to support prioritizing the review of officer-involved shooting of fatality incidents that are still within the CRB jurisdiction that occurred on or after January 2023.
- Board Member Goddard moved for the approval of a resolution to prioritize the review of officer-involved shooting fatality incidents within the CRB jurisdiction that occurred on or after January 2023. Board Member Brown seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- In response to Chair Haddock, Attorney Brazil from Brazil Clark, PLLC informed the Board that he was unable to reach Metro Nashville District Attorney Glenn Funk and has decided to go to District Attorney Glenn Funk's office to speak to him directly.

- The Board discussed the upcoming holiday Board meetings. The November board meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024. The December board meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024.
- The Board discussed Metro Government's required training for board members training.
- Chair Haddock informed the Board she will take on the role of the Budget Committee Chair until one is appointed.

10. Adjourn:

- The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.