

Community Review Board
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
Howard School Building, Sonny West Room
700 2nd Ave, S., Nashville, TN 37210

Attendees:

- **Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Walter Holloway, Heather Meshell, Walter Searcy, Shawn Whitsell, Joe Brown, and Mark Wynn.
- **Absent:** Board Member Alisha Haddock
- **CRB Staff in Attendance:** Kim Risby (Assistant Director), and other staff members.
- **Others:** Attorney Frank Brazil, Brazil Clark, PLLC, MNPD Commander Carlos Lara, MNPD Captain Kelly Cantrell, and members of the public.

1. Call to Order:

- a) Chair Holloway called the meeting to order.

2. Reading of the Appeals Statement:

- a) Attorney Frank Brazil, Brazil Clark, PLLC, read the appeal statement pursuant to Section 2.68.030 of the Metropolitan Code.

3. Establish Quorum:

- a) Board Member Brown confirmed the presence of a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a) Board Member Searcy moved for the approval of the March 24, 2025, board meeting minutes. Board Member Wynn seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

5. Chair Remarks:

- a) Chair Holloway thanked the Board members for their attendance. Chair Holloway reminded everyone of the Board's responsibility to abide by the rules and regulations mandated by the State of Tennessee' law regarding the Community Review Board.

6. Public Comment:

- a) There was no public comment.

7. Executive Director's Report:

- a) Assistant Director Dr. Risby informed the Board that she would be reading Executive Director Fitchard's report in her absence.
- b) AD Risby informed the Board that the Executive Meeting was being held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 5:00 pm.
- c) AD Risby informed the Board that the Sixty-Second Annual State of Metro Address will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Downtown Library in the Grand Reading room. Seating is limited, and the doors open at 8:30 a.m.
- d) AD Risby informed the Board that the Nashville Community Review Board (NCRB) received 4 complaints, 1 officer commendation, and 65 complaint contact calls for service, since the March 24, 2025, meeting.
- e) AD Risby informed the Board that all cases were sent to Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD) Chief Drake for review on a spreadsheet with dates, responses, record requests, and body-worn extension notifications, with ease of sharing case-related information.
- f) AD Risby informed the Board that ED Fitchard and MNPD Chief Drake have a scheduled meeting for Thursday, May 8, 2025, that will be held at the MNPD Headquarters.
- g) AD Risby informed the Board that a meeting with Metro Legal has been requested to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) expectation. The date is forthcoming.
- h) AD Risby informed the Board that a Drug Enforcement Agent (DEA) shot and killed a 36-year-old man on April 16, 2025, while working with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) when the shooting happened. The MNPD cold-case detectives will conduct an investigation into the incident. The deceased family filed a formal complaint with the NCRB, which has been forwarded to the Office of Police Accountability (OPA) on April 17, 2025.
- i) AD Risby informed the Board of the upcoming Community (Unity) Festival on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Coleman Center, 384 Thompson Lane. AD Risby informed the Board that 13 community organizations are confirmed to participate in this event. The event is free and open to the public.
- j) AD Risby informed the Board that there will be a CRB 2025 Town Hall Meeting held on Friday and Saturday, July 25-26, 2025, at the downtown library. Anyone interested in assisting with the planning is asked to contact the CRB, as more information is coming soon.

- k) AD Risby informed the Board that Commander Lara's last day as the MNPB Liaison for the CRB was effective on Monday, April 28, 2025. Commander Lara acknowledges the board regarding his role ending as the CRB's MNPB Liaison and introduced Captain Kelly Cantrell as his new replacement.

8. Board Discussion:

a) NCRB Case Reviews Administrative Closures:

1. AD Risby updated the Board on 8 Administrative closures on the following cases:

- i. (CCR) CC 2023-025. Board Member Brown moved to approve the administrative closure for CC 2023-025. Board Member Wynn seconded, and it was approved unanimously. Board Member Searcy abstained. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).
- ii. (CRR) CC 2023-032. Board Member Searcy moved to approve the administrative closure of CC 2023-032. Board Member Wynn seconded, and it was approved unanimously. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).
- iii. (CRR) CC 2024-007. Board Member Brown moved to approve the administrative closure for CC 2024-007. Board Member Wynn seconded, and it was approved unanimously. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).
- iv. (CRR) CC 2024-044. Board Member Wynn moved to approve the administrative closure for CC 2024-044. Board Member Searcy seconded, and it was approved unanimously. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).
- v. (CRR) CC 2024-047. Board Member Brown moved to approve the administrative closure for CC 2024-047. Board Member Searcy seconded, and it was approved unanimously. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).
- vi. (CRR) CC 2024-059. Board Member Brown moved to approve the administrative closure for CC 2024-059. Board Member Searcy seconded, and it was approved unanimously. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).
- vii. (CRR) CC 2024-052. Board Member Brown moved to approve the

administrative closure for CC 2024-052. Board Member Searcy seconded, and it was approved unanimously. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).

- viii. (CRR) CC 2024-060. Board Member Brown moved to approve the administrative closure for CC 2024-060. Board Member Searcy seconded, and it was approved unanimously. (Please refer to the CRB's recorded meeting for April 28th, on the Metro Nashville Network via YouTube).

b) Investigation Status of the 61-page Complaint.

1. Attorney Brazil updated the Board regarding a letter ED Fitchard sent to Metro Legal Director Wally Dietz, on Thursday, April 17, 2025, requesting information about the billing and payment for investigative services rendered by Attorneys Edward Stanton and Keenan Carter, of Butler Snow LLP from May 31, 2024, to present.
2. Board Member Searcy moved for the Board to authorize ED Fitchard to seek a FOIA petition for the warrant served by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to Butler Snow, LLP. Board Member Wynn seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

c) NCRB FY 26 Budget:

1. Administrative Service Manager Keturah Barnett updated the Board on the NCRB FY 2026 budget requests.

9) New Business/Announcements:

- a) Attorney Brazil provided the Board with an update on the MOU draft between the District Attorney (DA) office and MNPd for Rule 16 access per Board Member Meshell's request and updated the Board that TBI revised their MOU with the CRB which will be further discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

10 Adjourn:

- a) Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.