
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
Citizens Public Safety Review & Appeal Board
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. • Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Allen, Wally Ferrara, Curtis Gardner, Ebony Hemphill, Barbara Miller, Vernon Payne, Susan Stapleton, Larry Tolbert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Luis Garcia (excused), Chris Caldwell (absent)

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shelly Dusek (Human Resources Director); Assistant Chief Victor Green; Lieutenant Chuck Mason; Patricia Vargas (Executive Assistant)

The Citizens Public Safety Review and Appeal Board (CPSRAB) Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Payne.

Opening Remarks: Director Dusek welcomed members, staff, and public to the September 12th CPSRAB meeting, and clarified the in-person and live, call-in process for public comment during the Citizen Comments period.

Minutes: Board member Tolbert motioned and CPSRAB members moved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023, meeting.

PCR Report: Inspector Mason presented and answered Board questions, clarifying the complaint investigation, recommendation, Chief review, and Chief findings process.

Office of Professional Standards (OPS) Presentation: AC Green presented and answered Board questions on the OIR Report, Traffic Stop Study and My90 Citizen Survey. Board members and Chair Payne applauded the informational and transparent OPS presentation. Members thanked Chair Payne and Member Gardner for their dedicated service to the board as well as to the community.

Board Member Comments: Chair Payne thanked Director Dusek and Ms. Vargas for their work supporting CPSRAB. Member Allen noted and Chair Payne acknowledged the importance of CPSRAB Outreach, including the Board's growing relationship with the Kalamazoo Defender's Office. Chair Elect Stapleton and board members thanked Chair Payne and Member Gardner for their dedication and years of service.

Citizen Comments: Dorphine Payne applauded the work of the board, summarized the board's history from the early 2000s to present and thanked the Board for their commitment.

Director Dusek recognized Chair Payne and Member Gardner for their years of dedicated service, announced Member Stapleton's new role as Chair and thanked all three Board members.

Next Meetings: October 10, 2023
 ▪ CPSRAB Orientation
 ▪ Subcommittee Work – Closed Session
 November 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: 6:51 p.m.

Patricia Vargas, Recording Secretary
Shelly Dusek, Staff Liaison
Vernon Payne, Chair