
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
Citizens Public Safety Review & Appeal Board
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. • Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Caldwell, Luis Garcia, Curtis Gardner, Daniel Hamilton, Oliver Howell, Barbara Miller, Vernon Payne, Susan Stapleton, Larry Tolbert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jacquis Robertson (excused)

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

The Citizens Public Safety Review and Appeal Board (CPSRAB) Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Payne.

Opening Remarks: Director Dusek welcomed members, staff and public to the September 14th CPSRAB meeting and reiterated the call in and leave a voice mail message process for public comment.

Minutes: CPSRAB members motioned and supported to approve amendments to the July 13, 2021, meeting minutes followed by motion and support to approve both the amended minutes from July 13, 2021, as well as the August 10, 2021, minutes. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

CPSRAB Membership Update: Ms. Vargas confirmed that in addition to two vacant CPSRAB seats, there are two expiring memberships pending renewal. Chair Payne encouraged the board to either nominate or direct community members to apply. CPSRAB applications are reviewed, and seats are appointed by City Manager Jim Ritsema.

PCR Report: A/C Green spoke to the PCR details, including use of force information, and confirmed that monthly reports are available to the public via the [KDPS Transparency Webpage](https://www.kalamazoo.org/kdpsdocs/complaints) at <https://www.kalamazoo.org/kdpsdocs/complaints>. A/C Green confirmed that both the promised for end of July 2021 use of force information is included in the PCR Report and the new traffic stop study is in process.

Review of Activity Tracker: Chair Payne called attention to pending items (outlined in Next Steps accordingly).

Board Member Comments: Director Dusek clarified that the statement of time constraints (one hour) for public meetings is an internal, Zoom meeting baseline logistic and is not intended as a public meeting requirement. Meetings that last over (or under an hour) are in line with public meeting expectations. Chair Payne clarified that the board's role is to conduct all business and receive answers to all questions within the duration of the public meeting, should that be less, equal, or more than an hour.

Chair Payne confirmed CPSRAB Policies & Procedures allow for both a 2 consecutive 3-year term as well as return to the board after a 1-year hiatus for an additional 1-2 consecutive 3-year terms. Chair Payne and Director Dusek maintained a neutral stance on behalf of the board as well as the City of Kalamazoo regarding Mr. Gardner's request for former CPSRAB member Dannison to be contacted regarding the incident The OIR Group exonerated.

Chair Payne spoke to the rationale and implications of the idea to effectively fund Public Safety.

Mr. Tolbert thanked Chair Payne for his role and dedication to the citizens, community, and the board.

Citizen Comments: None

Next Steps:

- KDPS is working to conduct a new traffic study which will allow for a comparison with the 2013 traffic study data and will provide an update at the October CPSRAB Meeting
- Define connectivity links for CPSRAB website so that citizens can connect, e.g., links for Kalamazoo County
- The creation of an OIR Report Accountability Sub-Committee, consisting of CPSRAB and City Commission members, is pending
- The Outreach Sub-Committee will work with Executive Director of the [Kalamazoo Defender's Office](#) Josh Hilbert to not only offer support/wrap around services but also include the complaint and commendation processes in the intake packets for clients

Next Meetings: October 12, 2021
November 9, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40 p.m.

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