



**CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL 8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
Monday, November 15, 2018 - 12:00 P.M.**

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Board Members	Attendance	1/2018 – 12/2018	
		P	A
Christina Currie, Chair	P	8	0
Kevin Borwick, Vice Chair	P	5	3
Sgt. DeAnna Greenlaw	P	1	0
Detective Matthew Guerra	P	1	0
Skeet Jernigan	P	6	2
Carol Ortman	P	6	2
Lt. Cecil Stone	P	7	1
Maxine Streeter	A	2	4
James Teague	A	6	2

Staff

Major Victor London, Internal Affairs, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Sgt. Luan Malushi, Internal Affairs
Sgt. Keven Dupree, Internal Affairs
Brad Weissman, Assistant City Attorney, Police Legal Advisor
Sergeant Tarek Bazzi, Internal Affairs
Christa Cole, Internal Affairs Liaison

A. Roll Call

Chair Currie called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and roll was called. It was noted that a quorum was present.

B. Approve Minutes from October 8, 2018

Motion made by Vice Chair Borwick, seconded by Lieutenant Stone, to approve the meeting minutes of October 8, 2018. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

C. General Information

1. Introduce new board members

Sgt. DeAnna Greenlaw supervises the training unit, and Detective Matthew Guerra is assigned to the Rapid Offender Control Unit.

Chair Currie asked when the body cams would be in use in the Department, and Mr. Weissman replied they will be deployed in three stages – 100 licenses each consecutive month starting in December, with a total of 300 body cams.

A question was raised if the Department had thought of giving a public presentation about the use of the cameras, and it was noted that there had been no plans yet. However, the City Manager or Chief of Police could be consulted about it.

D. Review the following Internal Affairs Investigations

1. Complainant: Chief Rick Maglione
(IA Case 18-026)
Allegation: 1) Physical assault or battery on any member of the Department.
2) Engaging in conduct unbecoming a police officer/Police Department employee
3) Unauthorized access, use, dissemination, sharing or copying of information from law enforcement databases or web sites not related to legitimate business purposes. Examples of law enforcement websites are DAVID, FCIC, NCIC, DOJ, DJJ etc. This includes, but is not limited to, idle curiosity and other personal use.
4) Conduct prejudicial disruptive to the good order of the Department.
Officer: Stevens Gelu
Disposition: 1) Sustained
2) Sustained
3) Sustained
4) Sustained

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Ms. Ortman, to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-026, Item 1, with a recommendation of sustained.

Chair Currie asked why there were 20 days of unpaid leave before termination and was informed that it is to allow the process of appeals by the officer. She also asked if it was an arrestable offense, and Major London said that it was technically, but the victim did not want to pursue criminal charges.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Lieutenant Stone, to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-026, Item 2, with a recommendation of sustained.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Ms. Ortman, to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-026, Item 3, with a recommendation of sustained.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Lieutenant Stone, to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-026, Item 4, with a recommendation of sustained.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Chair Currie said the discipline was 20 days' unpaid suspension followed by termination. There should be a motion to agree or disagree.

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Sgt. Greenlaw, to agree with the imposition of the penalty.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

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| 2. | Complainant: | Sean Harvey
(IA Case 18-031) |
| | Allegation: | 1) Neglect of duty prohibited-Neglect in promptly and diligently attending to and discharging the duties of office. |
| | Officer: | Anthony Aversano |
| | Disposition: | 1) Unfounded |
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| | Officer: | Anthony Rodriguez |
| | Disposition: | 1) Unfounded |

Motion made by Ms. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Jernigan, to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-031, Anthony Aversano, with a recommendation of unfounded.

Chair Currie asked why Sergeant Bazzi did not follow up with the witnesses to find out who they were. Sergeant Bazzi said he did follow up with a telephone call to Mr. Harvey, but he could not provide further information, stating he did not know "these people." Mr. Harvey said he would check his text messages and get back to him, but he never did, so a follow-up letter was sent.

Chair Currie thought it would be prudent and fair to ask those questions when there is a record for it.

Chair Currie then asked what the Club Sway video surveillance showed. Sergeant Bazzi first wanted to articulate that was the only camera found, and second, that Officer Aversano was not at the other club; in the video, he was in and out of the view of the camera, contradicting Mr. Harvey's statements.

Chair Currie asked if Officer Elizee was required to write a supplement. Sergeant Bazzi stated she would be if she took any active engagement. However, if Officer Elizee's actions are documented in the report by another officer, then that would suffice. Chair Currie recommended that the officer be required to do that and that it be clear that they are doing a supplement. Major London said that was brought up with her and the accused police officer, and Command will follow up with everybody.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Lieutenant Stone, to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-031, Anthony Rodriguez, with a recommendation of unfounded.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

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| 3. | Complainant | Chief Rick Maglione
(IA Case 18-037) |
| | Allegation: | 1) Except for evidence, contraband, etc., which will be handled according to policy, personal property of an arrested individual will be separated from the person, packaged, and appropriately identified as to owner. The package will be transported with the arrestee to the confinement facility. |
| | Officer: | Jonathan Bohm |
| | Disposition: | 1) Sustained |
| | Allegation: | 1) In the course of duty on a day-to-day basis, it is necessary for the protection of the Investigator and the Department to inventory vehicles, vessels or aircraft being towed and/or stored. Vehicles, vessels or aircraft which are towed as a result of an accident, abandonment, seizure, incident to an arrest, or otherwise detained in storage, and not in the possession of the owner, become the responsibility of the impounding investigator. The Investigator is liable for the vehicle, vessel or aircraft, its parts and its contents. The contents of |

the vehicle, vessel or aircraft include, but are not limited to, all packages and containers located within the passenger compartment, the trunk, or any other secured area of the vehicle (i.e. glove box, console, under seat, etc.) To insure that liability does not attached for property located within any vehicle, vessel or aircraft or any package/container, the contents of said vehicle or package/container, whether locked, opened or closed, shall be ascertained and inventoried.

Chair Currie said that the amended agenda contained the name of a second person.

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Lieutenant Stone, to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-037, Officer Jonathan Bohm, with a recommendation of sustained.

Chair Currie asked if removing the body cam and putting it on the seat is consistent with policy, and Major London said it was permissible in that circumstance.

Mr. Borwick recounted three instances where West Way Towing lost items. He thought the City should not be working with them anymore. It was suggested that they reconsider them when the contract goes out to bid. Chair Currie offered to find out when the bid process would occur, and at that time, they can decide what to do.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by (several individuals seconded), to concur with the disposition of IA Case 18-037, Officer Jamie Chatman, with a recommendation of sustained.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Ms. Ortman, in Case 18-037 to agree with the with the discipline regarding Officer Jonathan Bohm.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

Motion made by Mr. Jernigan, seconded by Lieutenant Stone, in Case 18-037 to agree with the discipline for Officer Jamie Chatman.

No discussion. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed (7-0).

The next meeting is December 10, 2018, at the regular 6:00 p.m. time.

With no further discussion, Chair Currie adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Attachments:

Amended Agenda – Chair Currie

[Minutes prepared by J. Rubin, Prototype, Inc.]