



**City of Memphis
Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board
Minutes for January 13, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board was called to order at approximately 4:05p.m. on January 13, 2022, at 125 North Main Street, Memphis City Council Conference Room, Fifth Floor, Memphis, TN by Chairman James Kirkwood with those present as noted.

Board Members Present

Dr. David L. Acey	Dr. June Chinn-Jointer	Chief Michael Lonesome-Etnyre
Rev. James Kirkwood	Atty Shawn Lynch	Rev. Willie Ward, Jr.
Mrs. Hazel Moore	Dr. Albert Morris	Atty Asia Diggs-Meador
Mr. Sandeep Pednekar	Rev. Willie Ward, Jr.	
Mr. Stevie Moore	Atty Nicholas Bragorgos	

Board Members Absent:

Councilwoman Rhonda Logan

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting held on November 9, 2021, was offered by **Dr. June Chinn-Jointer** and seconded by **Dr. Albert Morris**. Upon acceptance of the motion, a vote was held with all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 NACOLE Conference Overview

Chairman Kirkwood and Dr. Morris attended the 2021 NACOLE Conference in Tuscon, AZ. Both gave an individual account of the week's activities. The organization has worked to put together a comprehensive, informative, and inclusive Annual Conference program that addresses both skills training and current and emerging topics. Stretching over four days, the conference provides a forum where the growing community of civilian oversight practitioners, law enforcement officials, journalists, elected officials, students, community members, and others can meet to exchange information and ideas about issues facing civilian oversight and law enforcement.

Election of 2022 CLERB Officers

Sr. Assistant City Attorney & CLERB Liaison Mary Grambergs led our 2022 Election of Officers. After a brief description of the duties of each office, votes were tallied for each position and the new 2022 CLERB officers were announced. Our new officers are as follows:

Chairman – Rev. James Kirkwood

Vice Chair – Atty Asia Diggs-Meador

Secretary – Mr. Sandeep Pednekar

Review of ISB Case # I2020-017 Mr. Charles Johnson

Mr. Charles Johnson was sworn in by Chairman Kirkwood and was given the opportunity to give the board members his account of the events that happened on the day in question. Mr. Johnson gave the board a detailed description of the events in question. After his testimony, the Chairman gave the board members an opportunity to ask Mr. Johnson questions. After a brief question and answer period between Mr. Johnson and the board members, a witness statement from a store employee where the incident occurred was read by the board members. The witness in question was not in the meeting and was never sworn in. The board, along with Mr. Johnson reviewed the body camera footage taken that day by the arresting officer. We were able to finish reviewing the body camera footage from the officers involved. Upon reviewing the body camera footage, the board asked more questions of Mr. Johnson, and he answered all questions. Chairman Kirkwood closed all discussion and opened the floor for a vote. Board Members were given the options to vote “**SUSTAINED**”, **NOT SUSTAINED**, or **SUSTAINED W/RECOMMENDATION**”

Roll was called by CLERB secretary **Mr. Sandeep Pednekar**, and each board member cast their votes accordingly. All Board members voted” **SUSTAINED**” with two board members voting to “**Sustained without recommendation**” and the remaining ten voting “**Sustained w/recommendations**”.

Sustained

Atty Nicholas Bragorgos

Dr. June Chinn-Jointer

Sustained w/Recommendation

Dr. David L. Acey

Ms. Hazel Moore

Atty Asia Diggs-Meador

Mr. Stevie Moore

Rev. James Kirkwood

Dr. Albert Morris

Chief Michael Lonesome-Etnyre

Mr. Sandeep Pednekar

Atty Shawn Lynch

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Adjournment

Chairman Kirkwood called for a motion to adjourn, which was offered by **Mr. Stevie Moore** and seconded by **Atty Asia Diggs-Meador** with all board members voting in favor to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46p.m.

Next Board Meeting:

February 10, 2022

125 North Main Street, Memphis City Council Conference Room, Fifth Floor, Memphis, TN 38104