



**City of Memphis
Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board
Minutes for March 9, 2023**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board was called to order at approximately 4:12 p.m. on March 9, 2023, 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

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| Dr. David L. Acey | Rev. James Kirkwood | Ms. Hazel Moore | Dr. Albert Morris |
| Atty Nicholas Bragorgos | Mr. Michael Lonesome-Etnyre | Councilwoman Rhonda Logan | |
| Atty Asia Diggs Meador | Atty Shawn Lynch | Mr. Sandeep Pednekar | |

Board Members Absent:

Dr. June Chinn Jointer
Mr. Stevie Moore
Rev. Willie Ward, Jr.

Other Attendees Present:

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| Atty Mary Craft Grambergs | Mrs. Virginia Wilson | Mr. Arthur Robinson |
| Mr. Christopher Mobley | | |

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting held on February 8, 2023, was offered by Atty Nicholas Bragorgos and seconded by Dr. Albert Morris. Upon acceptance of the motion, a vote was held with all present in favor.

New Business

Discussion on Amendments to Ordinance #5620

Chairman Kirkwood opened the floor for discussion on the revisions made to Ordinance #5620 as it relates to CLERB and its duties. Board members were given the opportunity to review the changes to the ordinance and have a brief question and answer period with Sr. Assistant City Attorney and CLERB Liaison Atty Mary Craft Grambergs, Atty Asia Diggs-Meador, and Atty Shawn Lynch. After brief discussion, a motion was offered by Mr. Sandeep Pednekar for CLERB as a body to visit the Capitol in Nashville and voice its opinion on proposed legislation that would change the way review boards in Tennessee operate. The motion was seconded by Atty Asia Diggs-Meador. Upon acceptance of the motion, a vote was held with all present in favor.

Review of Case #I2020-060 Mr. Charles Tate

Mr. Charles Tate currently lives out of state so his attendance at the meeting was virtual. Mr. Tate was sworn in by Chairman Kirkwood. Chairman Kirkwood read the Case Summary to Mr. Tate and the board. After the reading of the summary, Mr. Tate was given the opportunity to give the board members his account of the events that happened on the day in question. Mr. Tate informed the board that the allegation investigated was not his allegation and that his allegation was Illegal Search, Unlawful Arrest/Detainment, and Bodily Injury. Mr. Tate gave the board a detailed description of the events in question. After his testimony, the board and Mr. Tate reviewed the body camera footage taken that day by the arresting officer and other officers involved. Upon reviewing the body camera footage, the board asked more questions of Mr. Tate, and he answered all questions.

Because there was a discrepancy with what the complainant alleges and the actual allegation investigated by Internal Affairs, a motion was made by Atty Asia Diggs-Meador that the board take no action and send the complaint back to ISB with a recommendation to be investigated according to the actual complaint of the complainant Mr. Tate. This motion was seconded by Chief Michael Lonesome-Etnyre. Upon acceptance of the motion, a vote was held with all present in favor. Roll was called by CLERB Administrator, Mrs. Virginia Wilson, and each board member cast their votes accordingly. All board members voted "NO" w/Recommendation.

Review of Case #I2021-045 Ms. Jacqueline Drain

Due to time constraints on the complainant, the board was unable to hear the case of Ms. Jacqueline Drain and her hearing will be rescheduled for a later date.

Prior to adjournment, a motion was made by Chairman Kirkwood that Atty Asia Diggs-Meador be added as a spokesperson for CLERB moving forward. Motion was seconded by Chief Michael Lonesome-Etnyre. A vote was held with all present in favor.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Atty Asia Diggs-Meador and seconded by Atty Nicholas Bragorgos with all board members voting in favor to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37p.m.

Next Board Meeting:

April 13, 2023

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