



## CITIZEN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

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**Minutes of the CPRB Meeting Held on March 23, 2010 (Mtg. No. 124)**  
**CCAC Homewood-Brushton Center**  
**701 N. Homewood Avenue**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15208**  
**Neighborhood: East End**

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**Members Present:** Ms. Marsha V. Hinton, Chair  
Mr. Richard M. Carrington, Vice Chair  
Mr. Malik G. Bankston  
Mr. John H. Bingler, Esq.  
Ms. Erin Dalton  
Dr. Mary Jo Guercio  
Ms. Deborah Walker

**Excused: None**

**Absent: None**  
**Vacancies: None**

**Solicitors:** Mr. Hugh F. McGough, Esq.

**Staff Present:** Ms. Elizabeth C. Pittinger, Executive Director  
Ms. Sherri Bridgett, Investigator  
Mrs. Kathy Carson, Investigator  
Ms. Michelle Gamble, Investigator  
Ms. Carolyn Gaskin, Executive Assistant

**Excused:** Mr. Michael Ayoob, Intake Coordinator

**Vacancies:** Investigative Associate

### **Administrative Matters:**

- At 6:30 p.m., Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order.
- A motion to adopt the meeting minutes for February 23, 2010 was offered by Mr. Bankston and seconded by Ms. Walker, and approved unanimously.
- Ms. Hinton announced Mr. Bingler's resignation effective following the June 22, 2010 board meeting. Ms. Hinton publicly thanked and congratulated Mr. Bingler for his outstanding years of service to the board.
- Ms. Hinton expressed the need to continue promoting a positive relationship between the community and police. Ms. Hinton asked the board to consider establishing an ongoing community forum and encouraged the Board to create a panel comprised of police rank and file, community members and youth.
- Ms. Hinton reported on the expiring terms of all Council and Mayoral board member seats. Ms. Hinton mentioned that she and Ms. Pittinger met with Councilwoman Theresa Kail-Smith earlier in the day and informed her and all other City Council members of the provisions for nominating, appointing and reappointing members to the board. Also, during the meeting, discussion was held to dispel any misconceptions or concerns with regards to the CPRB rules and operating procedures.

- Ms. Hinton publicly thanked Solicitor, Hugh McGough for his successful presentation during the hearing held by Judge Wettick. Judge Wettick ruled in CPRB's favor with regards to enforcement of a subpoena to turn over G-20 documents.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- Ms. Pittinger reported on and showed a video clip from a City Council Standing Committee meeting that was held on 3/17/10. The clip illustrated Mr. Shield's concerns regarding the City's position throughout court proceedings involving CPRB/subpoena enforcement of G-20 documents. The clip also revealed Councilwoman Theresa Kail-Smith's perception of the CPRB.
- Discussion was held with an emphasis on Reverend Burgess's bills regarding the Jordan Miles Police Reform Agenda. Ms. Pittinger announced Reverend Burgess's post agenda to be held on 4/8/10, where her attendance has been requested along with several other city officials and community leaders.
- The Board scheduled the Rude & Discourteous Hearing for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at City Council Chambers, 510 City County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

### **Case Review**

Ms. Hinton moved to the case review agenda (copy attached). 15 cases were reviewed. Copies of the agenda were made available to the public. Each case summary was reviewed and acted upon as noted (votes unanimous among attending members unless stated otherwise). (*Actions taken are published here and on the CPRB website, <http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/cprb/>*)

### **Public Comment:**

Ms. Hinton invited public comment. Several members from the community spoke before the board.

### **Next Meeting:**

Ms. Hinton announced that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at City Council Chambers, 510 City County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Gaskin  
Executive Assistant

Attachment (1):

1. Case Review Agenda/Board Actions

Action Date: March 23, 2010

CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
<b>PUBLIC HEARING (0)</b>				
<b>FULL INVESTIGATION (3)</b>				
10-36/GAMBLE	Use of Force (PBP 12-6, 3.1) Taser (PBP 12-13, 5.3) Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges that the S.O. used excessive force during his arrest.	AUTHORIZED FULL INVESTIGATION	Preliminary evidence suggests more investigation is needed.
10-38-P/BRIDGETT	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6;2) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges that the S.O.s intimidated him.	AUTHORIZED FULL INVESTIGATION	Preliminary evidence suggests more investigation is needed.
10-43-P/CARSON	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges that he was repeatedly harassed the S.O.s.	AUTHORIZED FULL INVESTIGATION	Preliminary evidence suggests more investigation is needed.
<b>30 DAY EXTENSION OF FULL INVESTIGATION (5)</b>				
439-09/BRIDGETT	Obedience to Orders &/or Laws (PBP 16-1, 3.1) Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6;3) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges that the S.O.s destroyed his property.	AUTHORIZED 30 DAY EXTENSION	More time is needed for further investigation.
10-11/CARSON	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6)	Cx. alleges that the S.O. intimidated her during court proceedings.	AUTHORIZED 30 DAY EXTENSION	More time is needed for further investigation.
10-16-P/BRIDGETT	Obedience to Orders &/or Laws (PBP 16-1, 3.1) Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6;3) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges that the S.O. acted inappropriately while questioning his citizenship.	AUTHORIZED 30 DAY EXTENSION	More time is needed for further investigation.

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10-17-P/BRIDGETT	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6;2) Motor Vehicle Stops (PBP 40-4, 3.2;4) Warrantless Searches and Seizures (PBP 45-2, 7.1;5) False Report (PBP 62-1, 2.10)	Cx. alleges that the S.O.s pulled her over and cited her without a legitimate reason.	AUTHORIZED 30 DAY EXTENSION	More time is needed for further investigation.
10-32-P/CARSON	Use of Force (PBP 12-6, 3.1) Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges that he was assaulted and arrested by the S.O.s.	AUTHORIZED 30 DAY EXTENSION	More time is needed for further investigation.
<b>DISMISSAL (4)</b>				
<b>UNSUSTAINABLE (1)</b>				
10-07-P/GAMBLE	Use of Force (PBP 12-6, 3.1) Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Property of Prisoners (PBP 50-2, 7.2)	Cx. alleges that the S.O used excessive force during his arrest.	DISMISSED AS UNSUSTAINABLE	Evidence does not show any PBP violations.
<b>UNFOUNDED (3)</b>				
188-09/ BRIDGETT	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7) Truthfulness (PBP 16-1, 3.19)	Cx. alleges the S.O. cited him for obstructing traffic while he was scalping tickets.	DISMISSED AS UNFOUNDED	Evidence does not show any PBP violations.
478-09/ GAMBLE	Use of Force (PBP 12-6, 3.1) Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges the S.O. acted inappropriately when he was cited for scalping tickets.	DISMISSED AS UNFOUNDED	Evidence does not show any PBP violations.
10-12/BRIDGETT	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6;2) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7)	Cx. alleges that the S.O. repeatedly cited him.	DISMISSED AS UNFOUNDED	Evidence does not show any PBP violations.
<b>WITHDRAWAL (0)</b>				
<b>LACK OF COOPERATION/COMPLAINANT (0)</b>				

<b>OTHER (3)</b>				
<b>CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR</b>	<b>ALLEGATION(S)</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>
437-09/ BRIDGETT	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6;2) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7;3) Truthfulness (PBP 16-1, 3.19)	Cx. alleges the S.O. has been harassing him.	AUTHORIZED SUSPENSION	Additional time is needed to contact the S.O.s.
10-21/CARSON	Use of Force (PBP 12-6, 3.1) Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7) Incompetency (PBP 16-1, 3.12) Truthfulness (PBP 16-1, 3.19) Warrantless Searches and Seizures (PBP 45-2, 4.2.3)	Cx. alleges that he was jumped, arrested and seriously injured by the S.O.s.	AUTHORIZED SUSPENSION	OMI, D.A.'s office and F.B.I. are currently investigating the Cx's allegations.
482-09/CARSON	Conduct Unbecoming a Member (PBP 16-1, 3.6) Conduct Toward the Public (PBP 16-1, 3.7) Truthfulness (PBP 16-1, 3.19)	Cx. alleges that he was falsely cited for a parking issue.	AUTHORIZED RUDE & DISCOURTEOUS HEARING	No reports or CAD sheets found for the incident.