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Minutes of the Regular CPRB Meeting Held on June 23, 2020 (Mtg. No. 224)

Online Zoom Webinar # 916 7093 0738

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Neighborhood: Citywide

Video archive of the meeting <https://cprbpg.org/2664>

<p>Members Present:</p> <p>Dr. Emma Lucas-Darby, Chair Mr. Thomas C. Waters, Vice Chair Dr. Mary Jo Guercio Mr. Elwin Green Sr. Patrice Hughes Ms. Karen McLellan</p> <p>Solicitor: Atty. William F. Ward</p> <p>Staff Present:</p> <p>Ms. Elizabeth C. Pittinger, Exec. Director Ms. Stephanie Dorman, Asst. Exec. Director Ms. Michelle Gamble, Lead Investigator Ms. Sherri Bridgett, Investigator Mr. David Ellwood, Investigator</p>	<p>Excused:</p> <p>Mr. Sheldon Williams</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>Vacancy: None</p> <p>Excused staff: None</p>
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Dr. Darby, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 p.m. The meeting was online via Zoom and simultaneously broadcast live on the CPRBpgh You Tube Channel.

Dr. Darby recognized the members present and the excused members, Mr. Williams.

Dr. Darby called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting conducted on June 23, 2020. A motion to approve the 06/23/20 meeting minutes was offered by, Sr. Patrice seconded by Ms. McLellan and approved unanimously.

The entire meeting may be viewed here: [Independent CPRB Meeting 06/23/2020](#)

Opening remarks by Chair:

The Chair's opening statement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Executive Director's Report:

In lieu of a written report, Ms. Pittinger provided the following.

Ms. Pittinger thanked Dr. Darby for her inspiring and profound statement. Ms. Pittinger said on behalf of the staff, that it is easy to work for a Board that shares the same perspective on the core of our mission promoting the well-being and common good for everyone in the City of Pittsburgh.

Ms. Pittinger welcomed Dr. Lucas-Darby's invitation to think about police reform in the context of CPRB's mission and the public call to "defund the police". She noted Dr. Lucas-Darby's interest and endeavor to prepare social workers to work with police and to identify and support the human needs of the community rather than making every need a law enforcement issue. The re-ordering of public safety priorities and delivery systems must include creation of a support network in our community that is equitably funded with the intention of empowering self-determination through front end intervention, educational enrichment and economic development. Ms. Pittinger talked about a 2011/2012 proposal to a former Chief of Police that involved neighborhood response teams or community response teams that include a law enforcement officer, a mental health professional, a housing specialist, public health professional, nutritionist, etc. designed to assist neighborhoods with needs assessment and referrals.

Ms. Pittinger also referred to the recommendations offered to the state legislature's Joint Democratic Policy Committee in July 2018 that included amending the state municipal code that would require a police accountability plan to be incorporated into every community that is organized under the laws of the of Pennsylvania; the licensing of police officers instead of certifying them and moving the process from the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission to the Bureau of Professional Occupational Affairs; amending limitations on the personal liability of officers and require licensed officers to carry professional liability insurance.

Ms. Pittinger reported that Mayor Peduto and Governor Wolf have issued statements on police reform. Gov. Wolf expressed support for civilian review and encouraged communities to develop civilian oversight of police while committing to the creation of a PA State Law Enforcement Advisory Commission to review allegations of misconduct by law enforcement under the Governor's jurisdiction. (For additional information, a copy of the Governor's release is attached.)

Mayor Peduto announced the City's commitment to the "8 Can't Wait" campaign. The eight principles are: to ban chokeholds, require de-escalation, require a warning before shooting, require exhaustion of alternatives before deadly force is used, the imposition of a duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, to adopt and adhere to a continuum of force, to require comprehensive reporting. The Mayor also proposed an Office of Community Health & Safety within the Department of Public Safety to develop internal support for first responders and community social service support. Additionally, the Mayor formed a Task Force on Police Reform.

Ms. Pittinger reminded everyone that when we speak about reforms and a shift towards meeting the human needs, Allegheny County does provide all the human services that are required by the

community and suggested they should be involved with providing those services to City residents rather than the City replicating the existing human service system.

Intake

Ms. Pittinger provided the year-to-date total intake number as 140 complaints.

Referendum Proposal 2020-0447

Ms. Pittinger reported that Councilman Burgess introduced a proposal to amend the Home Rule Charter through referendum to expand the Board's power by doing two things:

1. Require all police officers to cooperate with the CPRB investigations and if they failed to do so they would be subject to discipline up to and including termination
2. Require the Chief of Police to wait until the Board has made recommendations on a matter before the Chief renders a final disposition of a disciplinary matter.

Dr. Darby asked if Councilman Burgess's proposal was going on the ballot in the November election and Ms. Pittinger replied that is the Councilman's intention. Dr. Darby asked that the Board be kept informed on the process and whether or not it will appear on the ballot.

Unfinished Business:

Regarding Findings & Recommendations in Case #173-17

Mr. Waters offered a motion, seconded by Ms. McLellan, that the panel for this case Karen McLellan, Thomas Waters and Mary Jo Guercio meet virtually via zoom within 10 days to review the findings within 3 days of that meeting provide those findings and any associated notes to the Executive Director so that a final report can be generated and shared among the panel and then the panel can approve the final report within 3 days of receipt of that so the report can be issued publicly at the next board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pittinger informed Members that the findings and recommendations were circulated some time ago and are awaiting signatures from the panel. Ms. McLellan asked if a date stamped email is acceptable as an approved signature. Ms. Pittinger reported that in the past Panel Members have conveyed approval with a time/dated email.

New Business:

June 1, 2020 Inquiry

Ms. Pittinger updated Members that the Mayor sent a letter to the CPRB expressing his hope that the Board would review & offer recommendations on the City's actions during a protest event on June 1, 2020. Ms. Pittinger outlined the following focus areas of the review by staff with the assistance of professional consultants with expertise in public order and use of force under conditions of protest:

1. Use of Force
2. Continuum of Control
3. Discharge of Firearms and Less Lethal Weapons
4. Use and Deployment of SWAT
5. Use & Deployment of the Special Response Team

During protests of May 31, 2020 into June 1, 2020, there were controversial confrontations between protestors and police officers. Ms. Pittinger reminded Members that she sought the assistance of the Densus Group to provide a forensic assessment and peer review of the conduct that is documented with evidence. Densus Group would provide an after action report that would be a valuable asset to inform our review and report. Ms. Pittinger noted that we have competent Law Enforcement Professionals on the Board quite capable of evaluating the credibility of an external report and its utility in the Board's consideration of the matter. Dr. Lucas-Darby called for questions about the Densus Group

Ms. McLellan added that the Densus Group has proven themselves and could provide a valuable tool for us. Dr. Darby emphasized the importance of the report being evidence-based. Mr. Waters commented that he was originally opposed to the Densus Group but he does support the use of a third party to assist in the investigation. Mr. Waters added that if we move forward with the Densus Group, their role and the scope of the work must be clearly defined. He expressed concern that the reputation of Densus Group would not invite community trust or cooperation. Mr. Waters described his interpretation of the Densus Group website as portraying the Group as pro-force, pro-government, pro control and pro-police. Mr. Waters spoke with many people in the community and the consensus was Densus Group was engaged during the G-20 and they were not very helpful and not good for the community. Mr. Waters said he is not interested in their recommendations on how to move forward as he's not sure he can trust them but he does see the value in consulting with a third party.

Dr. Guercio asked who owned Densus. Ms. Pittinger responded that they are a limited private interest. Dr. Guercio asked if they were a diverse group of people and Ms. Pittinger replied yes and their diversity varies based on the location and scope of work in which they are engaged. They have racial diversity, activism diversity and technical diversity. They are a preferred vendor for the US Department of State and conduct international police reform, police & military training focused on de-escalation in conflict zones, provide election protection in emerging democracies and threat assessment for various groups like media & educational excursions. Sister Patrice said she thinks the use of an objective party is critical but to remember that the Board crafts recommendations from the facts.

Mr. Waters expressed his interest in learning more about the racial diversity and LGBTQ representation on the Densus Group Board. Dr. Lucas-Darby asked Ms. Pittinger to provide the information to the Board. Dr. Lucas-Darby closed discussion directing Ms. Pittinger to inform City Council of the Board's affirmative vote to engage the Densus Group.

Dr. Darby asked for a motion. The motion to accept Ms. Pittinger's recommendation to engage the Densus Group to conduct an after action review of the events of May 31, 2020 and June 1, 2020 was offered by Sister Patrice, seconded by Ms. McLellan and the motion passed, 4-1, with

affirmative votes from Ms. McLellan, Sr. Patrice, Dr. Guercio and Mr. Green. Voting Against: Mr. Waters. Not Voting: Dr. Lucas-Darby)

Mr. Waters asked for clarification of who would be meeting with the NAACP, ACLU and the US Attorney's office as suggested in the Mayor's letter of June 3, 2020. Dr. Guercio said she would be fine with representatives of the Board along with the Executive Director and staff. Sister Patrice asked if the Mayor asked for the Board to meet with the agencies and Dr. Darby confirmed that it was in the Mayor's letter. Sister Patrice clarified that a public meeting would be a different motion and Dr. Darby agreed. Ms. McLellan asked Ms. Pittinger has the process already started with meeting with those groups and Ms. Pittinger acknowledged that she met with the State NAACP, but the ACLU was not available at the time. Dr. Lucas-Darby reported that she also has had conversation with the NAACP. Mr. Green encouraged a collaborative effort by the groups.

Mr. Waters moved and Mr. Green seconded the motion that the CPRB actively work in conjunction with NAACP, the ACLU and if possible the US Attorney's Office by having members of the Board, the Executive Director and staff actively participate in meetings with these organizations so that these organizations together can decide about next steps which might include public meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Social Media

Mr. Waters moved to limit postings on CPRB social media sites. Ms. McLellan voiced her observation that the CPRB passes on useful information such as articles and valuable community information and if that is stopped it would be a disservice to the community. Dr. Guercio opined that part of the Board's job was to inform the public and if postings are limited to just dates and times of Board meetings they would be of limited benefit to the public. Mr. Waters added the CPRB website says "the purpose of Citizen Police Review Board is to receive, investigate and recommend appropriate action on complaints regarding police misconduct and to improve the relationship between the police department and the community". Mr. Waters said in his opinion a series of recent posts are doing the opposite of what the CPRB statement says.

Mr. Waters moved that until the Board decides otherwise, social media for the CPRB, Facebook, be limited to posting meeting announcements, reports of findings and the live streaming of all public meetings. The motion was seconded by Sister Patrice. The motion failed, 3-2, with affirmative votes from Mr. Green and Mr. Waters. Voting against: Sr. Patrice, Dr. Guercio and Ms. McLellan.

Case Review:

Dr. Darby moved to the Case Review Agenda (copy attached). Each group of recommendations was voted upon as recorded.

Mr. Waters expressed his interest in suspending rather than dismissing Case. No. 188-19 as unsustainable.

Dr. Guercio asked if something is found unsustainable could it still be subjected to a public hearing. Dr. Lucas-Darby replied that it could not be subjected to a public hearing if it is dismissed as unsustainable.

Next Meeting

Dr. Darby announced the time and location of the next Board meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom with live broadcast on the cprbpgh You Tube Channel.

Public Comment:

Public comment may be viewed here: [You Tube CPRBpgh 6-23-20 at 1:24:45](#)

The entire meeting may also be viewed here: [Independent CPRB Meeting 06/23/2020](#)

Dr. Darby called for a motion to adjourn, and the motion to adjourn. Mr. Green and seconded by Ms. McLellan seconded and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie M. Dorman
Assistant Executive Director

Attachments (4):

- Remarks: Dr. Emma Lucas-Darby, Chair
- Case Actions June 23, 2020
- Gov. Wolf statement on Police Reform
- Mayor Peduto's letter to CPRB dated June 3, 2020

We are experiencing 2 pandemics – one is health related, Covid-19, and the other is century-old imbedded systems of racism. My hope is that a vaccine for the coronavirus is found very soon. As an alum of the Freedom School during the 1960s in Meridian, MS, an active participant in the civil rights movement of the 60's and a social justice activist until now, my goal has always been to fight for the constitutional rights of people of color. The death of George Floyd jettisoned to a new level the continuous blatant racist actions that take human lives unnecessarily. Mr. Floyd is only one of the many individuals of color who have died at the hands of law enforcement officers. I call the names of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Rayshard Brooks, Philando Castile, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin, Sandra Bland, the list does not end here. With the most recent actions of law enforcement officers that led to loss of lives, eyes and hearts have been opened to the continued ingrained, blind, and oppressive actions leveled upon humans of color. These recent actions by law enforcement have laid bare the deep-rooted structural violence in our society that continues to impact black, brown, indigenous, queer, and poor lives. We have also witnessed the dilemmas within our healthcare system and access to care.

Our society has experienced collective grieving. Recent actions catapulted Black Lives Matter and systemic racism into our national dialogue. There is now robust discussion around police reform versus police abolition. Reformist actions call for the defunding of police departments. This is a serious platform that requires deep discussions. Additionally, is defunding or reforming law enforcement the real issue? Can the structures and systems of policing be reformed *or* do we have to reimagine communal perceptions of safety and security?

As we tackle deep-seated and critical issues that are buttressed with racial overtures, the CPRB is fully cognizant of the need to understand the dynamics that push citizens to file complaints with this board. We take each complaint of improper police conduct seriously and investigate fully when required. I stress that as an independent body with subpoena power we can represent Pittsburgh's citizenry fully.

As an investigative body, we are aware of the attitudinal differences that exist among law enforcement officers that shroud some behaviors. But, I assure you with our skilled investigators, we are able to sort through the underlying dynamics that lead to and incite improper behaviors. We are here to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh. We realize that racist systems leave their marks on our individual and collective hearts, bodies and minds. We advocate for anti-racist behaviors at all levels of our society. Therefore, as chairman of this board, I will move the pendulum of justice and seek to uproot and remedy the acts of violence that have supported racist systems for far too long.

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Action Date: 6/23/2020

(11 Cases)

CPRB CASE REVIEW AGENDA 6/23/2020

CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
PUBLIC HEARING (0)				
FULL INVESTIGATION (1)				
107-20 ED Ellwood Bridgett Gamble	Use of Force 12-06, (3.0) Discharge of Firearms and Less Lethal Weapons 12-07, (4.0) Continuum of Control 12-08, (2.0, 3.0) Pepper Aerosol Restraint Spray 12-09	Executive Director Inquiry has been opened into the alleged incident that occurred on June 1, 2020. Pittsburgh experienced violent & destructive episodes in the wake of several lawful, peaceful protests calling for police reform.	Authorized full investigation 5-0	Preliminary evidence provides cause to advance the investigation.
30 DAY EXTENSION OF FULL INVESTIGATION (0)				
OUT OF JURISDICTION (0)				
UNSUSTAINABLE (2)				
188-19 Bridgett	Unbiased Policing 11-03 Employee Gender Identity & Expression 20-02 Police-Chaplain 14-16 Training-General-Regulations 70.03	An anonymous letter was received on 9/18/19 regarding the alleged incidents involving the SO who is a lead instructor at the PBP Academy.	Dismissed as unsustainable 4-1 (No: Mr. Waters)	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
60-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.13)	Cx alleges that SO failed to investigate the traffic accident in which the Cx was involved.	Dismissed as unsustainable 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
UNFOUNDED (2)				
98-20 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Towing & Tow Pound Procedures 41-4.03	Cx alleges the SO towed his out of state vehicle because the vehicle was not registered.	Dismissed as Unfounded 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
58-20 Ellwood	Unbiased Policing 11.3.4.1.1-4.1.5	Cx alleges that SO pulled her over based on racial profiling and or prejudice against black motorists.	Dismissed as Unfounded 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.
OTHER(1)				
206-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Incompetency 16-1 (3.12) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.13) Handling of Prisoners 50-01(4.0) Property Room Procedures (4.2.1)	The Cx alleges that the SO neglected to properly maintain her property after he placed her under arrest.	Dismissed as resolved 5-0	Cx was advised to file a claim with the COP Law Department

CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
New Suspensions/Updates (4)				
230-19 Ellwood	Warrantless Searches and Seizures Building Search 45-2 (10.0) Use of Force 12-06 Hot Pursuit Searches 45-2 (11.2.3)	Cxs alleges that their son was driving a legally titled and registered vehicle and that a PBP officer stopped the vehicle for suspicious driving when the son stopped at the side of the road	Authorized suspension until July 2020 meeting 5-0	More information is needed for investigation
217-19 Ellwood	Conduct Toward the Public 16-01 (3.7) Arrest 44-1 Unlawful Search and Seizure 45-2	Cx alleges that SO was unprofessional in his interaction with him on the evening of 09-22-2019 in conducting a Domestic Violence call.	Authorized suspension until July 2020 meeting 5-0	More information is needed for investigation
03-20 Ellwood	Conduct Unbecoming 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Toward the Public 16-1 (3.7) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.13)	Cx alleges that the SO and other unknown PBP officers have not done anything to investigate her son's death (the Victim) that occurred in April 2019 at her home.	Continued Suspension 5-0	More information is needed for investigation
58-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.9) Motor Vehicle Stops 40-4 (3.2) Warrantless Searches & Seizures 45-2 (5.1)	The Cx states the SO pulled him over on 4/1/19 for driving erratically which he denies.	Continued in Suspension 5-0	The available evidence does not support the allegations.

Suspensions follow.

The following cases remain in suspension with no updates (no summaries provided):

CONTINUED SUSPENSIONS UPDATES (12) SUMMARIES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST			
CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	REASON FOR CONTINUED INVESTIGATION	POSSIBLE CLOSING DATE
16-19 Bridgett	Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Neglect of duty 16-1(3.13)	Witness 1 has not been apprehended and the CX is still out of the country.	TBD
29-19 Bridgett	Obedience to orders/ laws 16-1 (3.1) Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Insubordination, 16-1 (3.9) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.19) False report 62-1 (2.10)	SO is on workman's compensation	TBD
038-19 Bridgett	Use of force, 12-6, 3.1 Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.19)	Waiting on SO statements	TBD
094-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7)	Waiting on SO statements.	TBD
095-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Incompetency 16-1 (3.12) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.9)	Waiting on SO statements.	TBD
146-19 Bridgett	Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Towards the Public 16-1 (3.7)	Waiting on SO statements.	TBD
142-18 Bridgett	Unbiased policing 11-3 (4.1) Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Truthfulness 16-1 (3.19) false report 62-1 (2.10)	Waiting for Cx's Criminal Trial that is scheduled for 6/29/20.	TBD
221-18 Bridgett	Use of force, 12-6, 3.1 Taser, 12-13, 5.3 Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1, 3 Truthfulness, 16-1 (3.19) False report 62-1 (2.10)	Currently reviewing the court transcripts.	TBD
06-20 Ellwood	Crash Response Investigations and Reports 41-03 (3.3.6, 3.4.4, 4.1.1, 4.1.3)	Awaiting OMI completion of the investigation and SO statements.	TBD

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230-19 Ellwood	Warrantless Searches and Seizures Building Search 45-2 (10.0) Use of Force 12-06 Hot Pursuit Searches 45-2 (11.2.3)	Currently reviewing CAD sheets and individual officer's roles	TBD
248-17-ED Gamble	Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Conduct towards the public 16-1 (3.7) Use of force 12-6 (3.1)	Waiting for Victim's Response & Formal Statement	TBD
87-18-ED Gamble	Use of Force 12-6 Discharge of firearms 12-7 Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.6) Truthfulness 16-1(3.19) Records/Reports/Files 62-1	Waiting for witnesses to cooperate.	TBD

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Gov. Wolf Takes Action to Address Law Enforcement Reform and Accountability

June 04, 2020

Press Release, Public Safety

After meeting with leaders in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Governor Tom Wolf announced several actions to improve law enforcement relations with the community and strengthen training and accountability.

"Today, I am taking steps to address concerns about community relations with law enforcement as well as strengthen accountability of our agencies," Gov. Wolf said. "This effort will commence immediately."

Gov. Wolf outlined multiple actions directed at meaningful reforms, many based on the 21st Century Policing Task Force, created in 2015 under President Obama in response to the Ferguson, Mo., death of black teen Michael Brown that set off weeks of protests.

Highlights of the recommendations include:

- **Creation of a Deputy Inspector General within the Pennsylvania Office of State Inspector General (OSIG)** focused on deterring, detecting, preventing, and eradicating fraud, waste, misconduct, and abuse amongst law enforcement agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction.
- **Creation of a Pennsylvania State Law Enforcement Advisory Commission** that reviews allegations of misconduct by law enforcement personnel under the governor's jurisdiction.
- **Providing technical assistance to municipalities** from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to encourage the creation of local citizen advisory boards.
- **Creation of a Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee** under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) at PCCD.
- **Reviewing Training and Education of Officers.** All training academies for law enforcement must review current use of force training standards for law enforcement and form a workgroup to develop model training standards to ensure that all officers receive the best instruction in their interactions with the public. Departments should be striving to obtain state and or national accreditation. Accreditation is a key component in assisting departments in evaluation and improvement of their standards and practices.
- **Enhancing Officer Safety and Wellness.** Enhancing current mental health initiatives and offering targeted mental health supports for officers to deal with trauma and reduce stigma for getting help.
- **Supporting Legislative Reforms.** The governor will work with the legislature on reforms, including legislation proposed that provides for improved access to police videos, an oversight board for officer training and continuing education, a special prosecutor in deadly force cases, interdepartmental law enforcement hiring reform and PTSD evaluation for police officers. Earlier this week, members of the Police Reform Working Group, which includes state and local elected officials, the chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia, as well as several attorneys, put forward proposals to address growing frustration with racism, oppression and rooting out law enforcement misconduct.

"We've addressed criminal justice reform on a bipartisan basis, and that's what we'll need to fix these longstanding inequities," Gov. Wolf said. "And as we go forward, we need to address the looming, systemic failings that have created this situation."

The governor also committed to addressing longstanding inequalities against people of color.

"I'm going to continue to fight for more education funding and for help for minority-owned businesses. These fights do not have an end point, and we won't know when we've won, but we have to keep going to make our commonwealth fairer and more equal for everyone."

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[Gov. Wolf Takes Action on Law Enforcement Reform & Accountability](#)



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MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO

June 3, 2020

Ms. Elizabeth Pittinger
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Dear Director Pittinger,

Following concerns about the City's response to large crowds and protests over the past week, I am hoping that you can work with the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP Pittsburgh branch and the United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania to perform a review of City actions.

The City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police always strive to be better and would welcome any recommendations on improving their performance. With your assistance we can make Pittsburgh a safer and more equitable city for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W Peduto".

William Peduto
Mayor of Pittsburgh

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