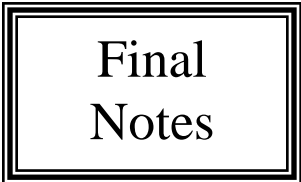




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Notes of CPRB Meeting Held on July 27, 2021 (Mtg. No. 235)

Online Zoom Webinar # 812 8325 8361
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Neighborhood: Citywide

Video of the meeting: <https://cprbpg.org/2841>

<p>Members Present:</p> <p>Dr. Emma Lucas-Darby Chair Ms. Karen McLellan, LEP Mr. Elwin Green</p> <p>Solicitor: Atty. William F. Ward</p> <p>Staff Present:</p> <p>Ms. Elizabeth C. Pittinger, Exec. Director Ms. Stephanie Hampton, Asst. Exec. Director Ms. Michelle Gamble, Lead Investigator/Intake Ms. Sherri Bridgett, Investigator Mr. David Ellwood, Investigator</p>	<p>Excused Members:</p> <p>Dr. Mary Jo Guercio Mr. Sheldon Williams, LEP</p> <p>Vacancy: City Council Seat #1 Mayoral Seat #5</p> <p>Excused staff: All present.</p>
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Dr. Lucas-Darby, Chair, called the online Zoom meeting to order at approximately 6:04 p.m. Dr. Darby recognized that there was not a quorum present however the agenda would be reviewed with no official action taken. Solicitor Ward concurred.

Dr. Darby recognized Board members present and announced that minutes of the June meeting would be held until a quorum was present.

Opening remarks by Chair:

Dr. Darby reported that she and Ms. Pittinger, Executive Director, had a courtesy meeting with the Acting US Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, [Stephen R. Kaufman](#).

Executive Director’s Report:

Ms. Pittinger reported that during the meeting with A/US Atty [Stephen R. Kaufman](#), they discussed the value and possible re-convening of the Police Community Relations Group (PCRG) initiated by former US Atty [David Hickton](#). The PCRG formed after the controversial incident between Pittsburgh Police officers and Mr. Jordan Miles in January 2010 ([Miles Compilation](#)). During the tenure of US Atty Scott Brady (2017-2021), the CPRB met no more than twice.

Ms. Pittinger noted that in light of the November 2020 referendum and the Performance Audit conducted by the City Controller ([Performance Audit Report](#)), a proposal was developed to expand the services and functions of the CPRB. Pittinger distributed a copy of the proposal to Board Members for consideration of adoption and authorization to present it to City Council and the Administration. The City budgeting process is underway and if the proposal is to be considered, the Board must act soon.

Dr. Lucas-Darby recognized that the Board does not meet in August and a quorum is needed to consider and vote on the proposal. Pittinger reminded the Board that four members are needed to make quorum and the Board currently has two vacancies. Dr. Lucas-Darby directed Pittinger to survey members, schedule a special meeting and give proper notice within the following two weeks.

Investigator Bridgett circulated an interesting report out of Philadelphia. The District Attorney (DA) in Philadelphia is challenging the PA state law that controls the use of deadly force by police officers: [Article - Police Killing In Philadelphia Could Change Pennsylvania Use-Of-Force Cases Forever | 90.5 WESA](#). The DA alleges that the State law ([PA Title 18 Sec. 508](#)) does not comply with standards established by the US Supreme Court. Two cases decided by the USSC guide the constitutional use of deadly force against a fleeing felon:

1. [Tennessee vs Garner](#)
2. [Graham vs Connor](#)

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Unfinished Business:

Deferred

New Business:

Deferred

Case Review:

Deferred

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Next Meeting:

Dr. Lucas-Darby announced that a special meeting will occur before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting link will be posted on the [cprbpg.org](#) website and Face Book page.

The meeting concluded with no official business conducted due to lack of a quorum.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie M. Dorman
Assistant Executive Director