



INDEPENDENT CITIZEN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

Final for
10/25/2022
Review

Minutes of the CPRB Meeting Held on September 27, 2022 (Mtg. No. 247)

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[Independent CPRB Meeting 09/27/2022](#)

Opening remarks by the Chair:

*****Note: There was not a vote/reference for the meeting minutes of July 26th. *****

Executive Director's Report:

Unfinished Business

*Dr. Guercio
moved to direct Ms. Pittinger to proceed with the renewal of the agreement for Solicitor services between the
Citizen Police Review Board and William F. Ward, Esq. of Rothman Gordon P.C. for a period of three years,
2023, 2024 and 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and the motion passed unanimously.*

New Business:

Case Review:

Next Meeting:

Public Comment:

Dr. Darby called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was offered by Mr. Williams and seconded by Dr. Guercio, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Stephanie M. Dorman

CPRB CASE REVIEW AGENDA 09/27/2022

CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
PUBLIC HEARING (0)				
FULL INVESTIGATION (5)				
143-22 Elwood	016-1.3.06 Conduct Unbecoming 016-1.3.07 Conduct Toward the Public	The Cx alleges that the SO was rude and unprofessional toward her during her encounter and arrest.	Authorized Full Investigation 5-0	More time is needed to determine if SOs violated PBP Policy and Procedures.
134-22 Hunt	11-3 Unbiased Policing 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.7) Conduct Toward The Public 16-1 (3.19.1) Truthfulness	The Cx alleges that he was pulled over by the SO and was lied to about the reason for the stop.	Authorized Full Investigation 5-0	More time is needed to determine if SOs violated PBP Policy and Procedures.
123-22 Elwood	016-1.3.06 Conduct Unbecoming 41-04.01 Towing Procedures, Reasons for Towing 54-01 Traffic Citations 44-02 Arrests, Summary Citations, Non-traffic 44-03 Arrests, Electronic Citations, Traffic and Non-traffic 40-04 Motor Vehicle Stops	The Cx alleges that the SO pulled V#1 over and asked to search the vehicle he was driving but the SO and other officers present would not explain their probable cause	Authorized Full Investigation 5-0	More time is needed to determine if SOs violated PBP Policy and Procedures.
100-22 Bridgett	016-1.3.06 Conduct Unbecoming 016-1.3.07 Conduct Toward the Public	The Cx alleged that she was charged with trespassing on her own property.	Authorized Full Investigation 5-0	More time is needed to determine if SOs violated PBP Policy and Procedures.
020-22 Hunt	16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member or Employee 16-1 (3.7) Conduct Toward the Public 16-1 (3.13) Neglect of Duty 16-1 (3.19.1) Truthfulness	The Cx, the victim of a home invasion, alleges that SO#1 was rude and discourteous towards her when she questioned why W#1 did not appear in court that day.	Authorized Full Investigation 5-0	More time is needed to determine if SOs violated PBP Policy and Procedures.
30-DAY EXTENSION OF FULL INVESTIGATION (0)				
UNSUSTAINABLE (2)				
165-21 Ellwood	36-01 Evidence Procedure 36-02 Property Room Procedure 40-12.8 Police Response to Domestic Violence	Cx alleges that the PBP sent units to execute a search warrant at his home for guns after violating a PFA order to turn in his weapons.	Dismissed as unsustainable 5-0	The facts do not support a finding that the PBP violated policy.
016-19 Bridgett	16-1, (3.6) Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1, (3.13) Neglect of duty	The Cx alleges that the responding officers have failed to follow through and arrest W#1 even though they have a warrant for him.	Dismissed as unsustainable 5-0	The DA's Office withdrew the charges and the Cx will not testify if W#1 was to be arrested.

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UNFOUNDED (3)				
107-22 Elwood	16-1.3.06 Conduct Unbecoming 16-1.3.13 Neglect of Duty 40-19.3.1 Reports	The Cx alleges that he went to Zone 5 and asked to file a police report about an individual who threatened him with a gun but the SO took an incomplete report.	Dismissed as unfounded 5-0	The evidence supports that proper reporting was completed and/or amended.
069-22 Elwood	16-01.3.06 Conduct Unbecoming 16-01.3.13 Neglect of Duty 41-04.01-2.0 Towing Procedures	The Cx alleges that the SO did not tow W#1's vehicle that was blocking his carport.	Dismissed as unfounded 5-0	Statements from both the Cx and SO confirm there was no violation of 41-04.01.2.0 Towing Procedures.
039-22 Hunt	12-6 Use of Force 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.7) Conduct Toward the Public 16-1 (3.13) Neglect of Duty	The Cx alleges the SO was disrespectful on the phone when he called to make a complaint about an incident that occurred between W#1 and other unknown officers.	Dismissed as unfounded 5-0	The evidence gathered does not support that the SOs violated PBP policy and procedure.
OTHER (3)				
072-22 Hunt	12-6 Use of Force 16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming A Member 16-1 (3.7) Conduct Toward the Public 16-1 (3.19.1) Truthfulness 45-2 Warrantless Searches & Seizures	The Cx alleges that SOs broke down the doors to her residence, removed her and her family and did not provide her with a search warrant until after SOs destroyed her property.	Authorized Cx's withdrawal 5-0	The Cx. Has requested a withdraw of her complaint.
199-20-ED Gamble	12-06, (3.0) Use Of Force 016-1.3.06 Conduct Unbecoming 016-1.3.07 Conduct Toward the Public	Executive Director authorized an investigation into an incident at the Squirrel Hill farmers market on September 6, 2020, when the Victim was arrested by the SO after a confrontation about the SO's face mask.	Authorized as out of jurisdiction 5-0	The SO has been terminated and after two years there is no indication that he will return to the PBP.
217-19 Hunt	16-01 (3.7) Conduct Toward the Public 44-1 Arrest 45-2 Unlawful Search and that Seizure	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 as out of jurisdiction 5-0	The SO has been terminated and the arbitration was upheld on 03/15/2021.
SUSPENSION (1)				
063-22 Bridgett	16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 40-4 Traffic Stops	The Cx alleges he was pulled over because the window tint on his vehicle was too dark, but the Cx feels it stems from an incident that occurred in 2014-2015.	Authorized suspension until October 2022 5-0	More time is needed to determine if the SOs violated PBP Policy and Procedures.

CONTINUED SUSPENSIONS (11) SUMMARIES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST OF MEMBERS			
CPRB CASE NO. INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION(S)	REASON FOR CONTINUED INVESTIGATION	POSSIBLE CLOSING DATE
035-22 Hunt	16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming A Member 16-1 (3.7) Conduct Toward The Public 16-1 (3.9) Truthfulness 44-1 Arrests 45-2 (5.1) Warrantless Searches & Seizures	More time is needed to obtain BWC footage, SO statements, Affidavit of Probable Cause, receipts for vehicle repairs, and identify witnesses.	TBD
001-22 ED Bridgett	16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 20-01 (6.4.1, 6.4.5, 6.4.6) No Harassment	More time is needed for the investigation.	TBD
177-21 Hunt	16-1 (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.13) Neglect of Duty 45-2 Warrantless Searches & Seizures 54-01 Traffic Citation	More time is needed to obtain BWC footage, SO statements, affidavit of probable cause, receipts for vehicle repairs, and identify the witnesses.	TBD
160-21ED Ellwood	11-3 (3.1, 3.2, 4.1.2) Unbiased Policing 12-6 (3.0, 4.0, 5.0) Use of Force 12-8 (3.0, 4.0) Matrix of Control 12-13 Taser 16-1 (3.06) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.07) Conduct Towards the Public	More time is needed to view the ER video footage to view the officer's conduct.	TBD
148-21 Bridgett	16-1 (3.6.) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1 (3.7) Conduct Toward the Public 12-6 (5.0) Use of Force	There was no contact information for the combatants in the investigative report. The investigator is trying to verify if all of the proper paperwork was completed.	TBD
138-21 Ellwood	12-06.3.2 Use of Force 16-01.3.06 Conduct Unbecoming 16-01.3.07 Conduct Toward the Public	More time is needed to determine if the SO violated PBP Policy and Procedures.	TBD
252-20 Ellwood	16-01 (3.7.1) Conduct Toward the 40-04 Public Motor Vehicle Stops	Waiting for SO statements.	TBD
112-20 Bridgett	11-3 Unbiased Policing 16-1, (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1, (3.07) Conduct Toward the Public	Waiting for the Daily Activity Log/ Running Sheet from the PBP	TBD

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190-19 Bridgett	16-1, (3.6) Conduct Unbecoming a Member 16-1, (3.7) Conduct Toward the Public 40-12 Police-Response-to- Domestic-Violence- Incidents	The investigator is trying to determine what disciplinary action the SO received.	TBD
029-19 Bridgett	16-1, (3.1) Obedience to orders/ laws 16-1, (3.6) Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1 (3.9) Insubordination, 62-1, (2.10) Truthfulness False report	The SO remains on worker's comp and may not return to full duty	TBD
87-18-ED Gamble	12-6 Use of Force 12-7 Discharge of firearms 16-1 (3.6) Conduct unbecoming a member 16-1, (3.19) Truthfulness 62-1 Records/Reports/Files	Waiting for witnesses to cooperate.	TBD

