

# ATTACHMENT 1

**CITIZENS' POLICE REVIEW BOARD  
MEETING OF THURSDAY, February 25, 2016 – 6:15 P.M.  
City Council Chambers - Third Floor**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR CHRIS BROWN at 6:18 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair Chris Brown  
Vice-Chair Charlette Green  
Commissioner Brian Bingham  
Commissioner Thomas Cameron  
Commissioner Erica Harris  
Commissioner Ramon Nasol  
Commissioner Almaz Yihdego

Meredith Brown, Board Counsel

Marti Paschal, Policy Analyst  
Karen Tom, CPRB Investigator  
Joan Saupe, CPRB Investigator  
Nikki Greer, CPRB Investigator  
Andrew Lee, CPRB Investigator

Excused: Commissioner Howard Tevelson  
Commissioner Mya Whitaker

Chair Brown welcomed and introduced two new Commissioners to the Board: Sharon Ball and Rev. Mauricio Wilson and asked if they would like to speak. They both gave brief comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 11, 2016

Director Finnell asked members to review Attachment 1 in the Agenda Meeting Packet.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bingham to approve the February 11, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Cameron seconded. The Board voted unanimously.**

#### IV. OPEN FORUM

Chair Brown announced that he received two Speaker Cards from Assata Olugbala: One for Open Forum; one for Closed Session of which she will not be able to speak on during this Session.

Assata Olugbala came to speak. She referenced an agenda item that was heard at the Rules Committee today that concerns the CPRB (Rule 19 is being amended – Addresses all Boards & Commissions and the appointment of those Boards and Commissions). The original recommendation is that certain Boards would have to go before the Council at Rules for further investigation as far as the qualifications of those members. The opinion of the Board is that certain Commissions work is so important that members of those boards have to be qualified. They will take it upon themselves to determine if the true qualifications of members exist and that the Board be fully qualified to do its work. A Board member today recommended that the CPRB be included in the list of Boards.

Assata Olugbala reported that it has been represented in the Monitor's Report of February 16, 2016 that Dr. Eberhardt will have her final report. It will be presented to the Board in April. She suggested that the Board get a report - The center of her report will be excessive force and racial profiling. She suggested the Board reassess how they will go forward on racial profiling cases.

Assata Olugbala made comments relating to the cases that are being dropped due to not having sufficient evidence – She recommended that the public be given an explanation to get a better understanding of how the investigative process works so that the public understands the recommendations of sustained, no finding, exonerated, etc.

Renata Murry came to speak. She stated that she read an article in the Oakland Tribune today relating to four OPD officers being placed on administrative leave. She quoted from the paper that “OPD takes all allegations of misconduct seriously ensuring internal investigations are swift, fair and objective”. She mentioned that this has not been the case for her and her family who have been harassed by OPD for many years and she has complained of this issue in front of this Board many times - not a fair process. She commented about the CPRB Complaint Form – the form does not allow for people who are targeted by the Oakland Police long term, who are being constantly followed by them unwarranted – if you do not have a specific situation that happened, illegally pulled over or arrested, etc. and such as herself, she does not have badge numbers, officer names, they have not done anything to her but they are trailing her wherever she goes/harassment and this includes the Fire Department, Ambulance services, and other City entities. How would she and others get justice when this is occurring in Oakland?

Chair Brown thanked the speakers for coming this evening.

#### V. SIGN-UP SHEET FOR EXAMINERS FOR HEARINGS

Vice-Chair Green asked Director Finnell if any Evidentiary Hearings will be scheduled in the upcoming months. Director Finnell reported that for the next sixty days there will not be any Evidentiary Hearings. Vice-Chair Green stated that Examiners for Hearings will not be scheduled at this time.

VI. CLOSED SESSION: NEW BUSINESS (Convened at 6:33 p.m.)

- A. Cases proposed for Administrative Closure / Pursuant to Ordinance No. 12454 C.M.S. section 6, paragraph G subsection 9, hearing would not facilitate the fact-finding process and that no good cause is shown for further action.

1. Based on the findings of the investigation

Case No. 15-0192, Rihan Boot

- a. Complainant's Comment
- b. Staff Report
- c. Discussion
- d. Action

Complainant alleges an OPD officer filed a restraining order against her after she inquired about filing a complaint against the OPD officer. Complainant also alleges that another OPD officer informed the original officer that the complainant was inquiring about filing a complaint against him.

Case No. 15-0236, Carroll Jones

- a. Complainant's Comment
- b. Staff Report
- c. Discussion
- d. Action

Complainant alleges an OPD officer assaulted her and violated her rights.

Case No. 15-0247, Jesus Lopez

- a. Complainant's Comment
- b. Staff Report
- c. Discussion
- d. Action

Complainant alleges an OPD officer used excessive force by shooting and injuring complainant's dog and subsequently laughed and made fun of complainant after the incident.

Case No. 15-0260, Faheem Hamed

- a. Complainant's Comment
- b. Staff Report
- c. Discussion
- d. Action

Complainant alleges OPD officers pointed their firearms at his ten-year-old daughter and her seven-year-old friend. Complainant also alleges an OPD officer

made a mockery of his sexual orientation, falsely arrested him, and was disrespectful.

Case No. 15-0261, Ava Renee Whitmeyer Robinson aka Whitmeyer Nelson

- a. Complainant's Comment
- b. Staff Report
- c. Discussion
- d. Action

Complainant alleges OPD officers improperly issued her a citation because she is a Black woman and the other party is a White male.

B. EVIDENTIARY HEARING, CPRB Case #15-0248, Complainant Kyle Robinson (Investigator J. Saupe)

Began at 6:57 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLOSED HEARING

Chair Brown stated that the public was invited in for the open session and there were no speakers present.

2. CLOSED HEARING

3. CLOSED SESSION DELIBERATIONS (Began at 8:11 p.m.)

C. Pending Cases for Administrative Hearing Discussion

The Item was not discussed.

The Board reconvened open session at 9:31 p.m.

VII. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED SESSION MATTERS.

BY MOTION AND VOTE IN OPEN SESSION, BOARD ELECTS EITHER TO DISCLOSE NONCONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR TO DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT THE MAJORITY DEEM TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:32 p.m.