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*Albany Community Police Review Board
c/o Government Law Center*

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 26, 2024 - 6:15 PM
Albany Law School, Room W212

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Nairobi Vives, Secretary Paul Collins-Hackett, Matthew Ingram (virtually), Antoinette Santos, John Levendosky, and Victor Person.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Director of the Government Law Center Patrick Woods, CPRB Program Manager Michele Andre, and Outside Counsel Mark S. Mishler.

Excused: Vice Chair Veneilya Harden, Dr. Rev. Victor Collier and Kevin Cannizzaro

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL **(N. Vives)**

CPRB Chair Nairobi Vives called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Chair Vives moved to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded and passed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT **(N. Vives)**

Chair Vives opened the floor to public comments. Sheehan Collier, the aunt of Amiel Layeni, spoke on behalf of Layeni's family and expressed concerns about the insufficient information that has been provided regarding what happened on that night and the events that have taken place since. Ms. Collier conveyed her condolences to the family of the officer injured and looked to find answers and factual information for their family regarding this incident.

III. CONSIDERATION OF INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

Secretary Paul Collins-Hackett proposed a motion to vote on the approval of an independent investigation concerning the officer-involved shooting that took place on April 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Board Member John Levendosky. All five members who were present in person (Vives, Collins-Hackett, Santos, Levendosky, and Person) unanimously voted in favor of the motion, with none abstaining or opposing.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF SUBPOENAS

Chair Vives presented a Subpoena Duces Tecum for approval for an independent investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred on April 17, 2024. Julie Schwartz from T&M USA, LLC, was called to discuss the request.

Ms. Schwartz explained that she had visited APD's headquarters yesterday, where they answered many of their questions and gave them access to Body Worn Camera footage. However, she noted that it would be impossible to conduct a thorough investigation without being able to control the case file and hence the request for the entire case file.

Chair Vives agreed that it was good to hear that things had improved with Detective Dixon, but the board still required the entire case file and evidence.

Board Member John Levendosky made a motion in favor of issuing the subpoenas for the April 17, 2024, officer-involved shooting. The motion was seconded by Collins-Hackett and unanimously favored by all five present members in person, including Vives, Collins-Hackett, Santos, Levendosky, and Person.

Chair Vives opened the floor again to public comments. A community member expressed their intention to provide public comment but chose not to do so out of respect for the family.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.