



**CITY OF ALBANY
COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

June 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Albany Law School

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Nairobi Vives called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Nairobi Vives, Dr. Veneilya Harden, Paul Collins-Hackett, Victor Person

EXCUSED: Dr. Rev. Collier, Zach Garafalo, John Levendosky, Matt Ingram

OTHERS PRESENT: APD Chief Eric Hawkins, APD Lt. Mark Decker, Commander Joshua Laiacona, Michele Andre, Patrick Woods, Professor Ava Ayers and Councilmember Gabriella Romero

Board Chair Nairobi Vives stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Information Sharing Agreement between APD and the CPRB. During that discussion, the Board raised concern that “personnel files” being classified as confidential may be too general and repress relevant information. In response, Chief Hawkins affirmed his support for the CPRB stating that they will have access to all relevant information when conducting investigations. Furthermore, the Board discussed revisions to the agreement concerning unintentional disclosures. The Board also discussed how in all investigations, confidential information should not be shared with the complainant to preserve the integrity of the investigation, this includes information gathered during the investigation. Upon finalization of the Information Sharing Agreement, Board members were told they will be provided with basic cybersecurity training that is provided to all city employees. The Chief added that the CPRB will be of high priority and part of the initial process of information sharing. Also, the Board suggested

implementing in writing a policy that is “practical” in its timing of when APD must notify the CPRB of relevant information. Lastly, the Board also discussed the potential of arbitration in confidentiality disputes as opposed to pursuing an Article 78 proceeding.

At the conclusion of the Board’s discussion, Chair Nairobi Vives opened the floor to public comment and questions for Chief Hawkins and the Board regarding the agreement. One question was posed by Councilmember Gabriella Romero about whether the agreement under discussion allowed APD to withhold information from the CPRB. The answer was that it did not do so, but could limit the information the CPRB could share with the public while an investigation was ongoing. There was no public comment.

Upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Andre
Program Manager