

City of Memphis Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board Minutes for March 11, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board was called to order at approximately 4:04p.m. on March 11, 2021 at 125 North main Street, Memphis City Council Conference Room, Fifth Floor, Memphis, TN by Rev. James Kirkwood with those present as noted.

Board Members Present:

Dr. David L. Acey Rev. James Kirkwood Mr. Sandeep Pednekar
Atty Nicholas Bragorgos Atty Shawn Lynch Dr. Jeff Warren
Dr. June Chinn-Jointer Mr. Stevie Moore Chief Michael Lonesome-Etnyre

Atty Asia Diggs-Meador Dr. Albert Morris Ms. Hazel Moore

Board Members Absent:

Rev. Willie Ward, Jr.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting held on January 14, was offered by Mr. **Nicholas Bragorgos** and seconded by **Dr. June Chinn-Jointer**. Upon acceptance of the motion, a vote was held with all present in favor.

Review of ISB Case # I 2019 - 022 Eddie Richardson

Mr. Eddie Richardson was sworn in by Chairman Kirkwood and was given the opportunity to give the board members his account of the events that happened on the day in question. Mr. Richardson gave the board a detailed description of the events in question. After his testimony, the Chairman gave the board members an opportunity to ask Mr. Richardson questions. After a brief question and answer period between Mr. Richardson and the board members, the board, along with Mr. Richardson reviewed the body camera footage taken that day by the arresting officer. Once the body camera footage was reviewed, the board members were given another chance to ask Mr. Richardson questions related to the footage shown. Mr. Richardson had a witness to speak on his behalf. Mr. Kleston Beverly was in the vehicle at the time of the incident and gave the board his account of the events. Mr. Richardson answered all questions posed to him, as well as Mr. Beverly. Chairman Kirkwood closed all discussion and opened the floor for a vote. Board Members were given the options to vote "sustained" or "not sustained" for this particular case.

Roll was called by Sect. Sandeep Pednekar and each board member cast their votes accordingly. The board voted that the case brought by Mr. Richardson was NOT SUSTAINED. See vote breakdown below:

NOT SUSTAINED

Dr. David L. Acey Atty Asia Diggs-Meador Mr. Stevie Moore Atty Nicholas Bragorgos Rev. James Kirkwood Mr. Sandeep Pedneka

Dr. June Chinn-Jointer Ms. Hazel Moore

SUSTAINED

Chief Michael Lonesome-Entyre Atty Shawn Lynch Dr. Albert Morris

Several board members voted "NOT SUSTAINED W/ RECOMMENDATION". There were enough concerns with the handling of the arrest as well as the code in which the complaint was filed under, that the board would like to address h the Police Chief with their concerns and recommendations. Those members voting "NOT SUSTAINED W/ RECOMMENDATION" are as follows:

Dr. David L. Acey
Dr. June Chinn-Jointer
Atty Asia Diggs-Meador
Ms. Hazel Moore
Mr. Stevie Moore
Mr. Sandeep Pednekar

Rev. James Kirkwood

Chairman Kirkwood informed Mr. Richardson of the vote by the board. Mr. Richardson acknowledged that he heard and understood the vote of NOT SUSTAINED as well as the desire to still send a recommendation to the Chief of Police by the board. Mr. Richardson was thanked by the board chairman an the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment

Chairman Kirkwood called for a motion to adjourn, which was offered by **Atty Nicholas Bragorgos** and seconded by **Dr. June Chinn-Jointer** with all board members voting in favor to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.