

Citizen Complaint Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2024

Attendees Present

CCA Board Members

Samuel Burbanks, IV, Chair
John Williams, Vice Chair
Louis Arnold, Member
Bill Burwinkel, Member
Rosa Cama, Member
Clarice Warner, Member

Attendees Absent

Staff

Natasha Hampton, Assistant City Manager (ACM)
Dena Brown, Interim Director
Andrew Alanis, Investigator
Jessalyn Goodman, Investigator
Ronald Pugh, Investigator
Arnie Slaughter, Investigator
Robert Stephens, Investigator
Joseph Vesper, Investigator
Brandon Upchurch, Sr. Administrative Specialist
Shurdina Mitchell, Administrative Specialist
Captain Mark Burns, Internal Investigation Section
David Sturkey, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department
Steve Sobel, CitiCable General Manager
Tom Potter, CitiCable Production Manager
Darius Jones, CitiCable Programming Manager

Chair Burbanks, IV called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to accept minutes from the November 2024 meeting. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain - 2). **Motion passed**

Members Burwinkel and Cama abstained due to them not being a board member and not present for that meeting.

Director's Report

Interim Director Dena Brown presented the Director's Report to the Board.

The Board was presented with 15 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports.

The Board Chair requested the Director provide a report on the backlog of cases over 90-days old. As of November 25, 2024:

- 1) Nine cases are 90-180 days old
 - a) 6 – are awaiting CPD records
 - b) 1 – is pending an officer interview
 - c) 2 – are being written
- 2) Fourteen cases are 180-365 days old
 - a) 1 – is pending an officer interview
 - b) 3 – are being written
 - c) 2 – are on legal hold
 - d) 2 – were submitted to the Director for review
 - e) 6 – are expected to be submitted to the Board January 2025
- 3) One case is over 2-years old
 - a) The case involves discharge of firearm allegations. Due to the nature of the incident, CCA is awaiting records.

Public Comment

Cincinnati Black United Front (CBUF) member Julie Nelson welcomed the new Board Members and commented on their theme for the evening “BWC usage, officer discourtesy and customer service.”

Cincinnati Area League of Women Voters (LWV) members commented on what they have observed during the meetings that they have attended.

- High level of professionalism of the CCA investigators.
- The CCA Board's attentiveness and interest in seeking justice for the complainants.
- Captain Burns’ willingness to speak about disciplinary actions taken by the CPD with officers who have not followed protocol.
- Captain Burns’ forthright comments when he does not have information about the internal investigation to date.
- The diligence of the members from the CBUF who ask challenging questions, point out key issues, and often point out the efforts made by the three above mentioned groups to support the citizens.

The following citizens were in attendance and commented on their case:

- CCA #24135 Stanford Poole
- CCA #24127 Terry Griffin

Mrs. Roley, CBUF member and consultant to the City Manager thanked the citizens that were present and for utilizing the CCA. Mrs. Roley welcomed the new Board Members.

- Chair Burbanks, IV requested an update on case CCA #24127 Terry Griffin during the next board meeting, Monday, January 6, 2025, which ACM Hampton will provide.

Old Business

Investigator Andrew Alanis presented an update on CCA Case Number 24004 David McDonald. Investigator Alanis attempted to retrieve any available footage capturing the incident from cameras within CHPL's possession, but none was available. Therefore, the Board voted on the original allegations.

1. **CCA Case Number 24004:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 24117:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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2. **CCA Case Number 24008:** Member Arnold moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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3. **CCA Case Number 24160:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to table until more information is reviewed. Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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4. **CCA Case Number 24171:** Member Arnold moved and Vice Chair Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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5. **CCA Case Number 24145:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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6. **CCA Case Number 24139:** Member Burwinkel moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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7. **CCA Case Number 24135:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to table until further investigation. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

8. **CCA Case Number 24127:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

9. **CCA Case Number 24116:** Member Arnold moved and Vice Chair Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

10. **CCA Case Number 24103:** Member Arnold moved and Vice Chair Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

11. **CCA Case Number 24102:** Member Burwinkel moved and Vice Chair Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

12. **CCA Case Number 24079:** Member Arnold moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

13. **CCA Case Number 24077:** Member Burwinkel moved and Vice Chair Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

14. **CCA Case Number 24012:** Member Burwinkel moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

15. **CCA Case Number 24056:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

All CCA reports will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

Announcements

None.

Closing

Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Arnold seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 7:48 p.m. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

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