

Citizen Complaint Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2024

Attendees Present

CCA Board

Clarice Warner, Chair
Samuel Burbanks, IV, Vice Chair
Ryan Hall, Member
Ashley Harp, Member
Wanda Spivey, Member

Attendees Absent

John Williams, Member

Staff

Makiedah Messam, Interim CCA Director
Dena Brown, CCA Division Manager (Chief Investigator)
Andrew Alanis, CCA Investigator
Morgan Givens, CCA Investigator
Jessalyn Goodman, CCA Investigator
Robert Stephens, CCA Investigator
Joseph Vesper, CCA Investigator
Michelle Bonner, CCA Sr. Administrative Specialist
Judith Gazaway, CCA Administrative Specialist
Aaron Jones, CPD Assistant Chief
Jay Johnstone, CPD Captain, Internal Investigation Section
David Sturkey, Assistant City Solicitor
Steve Sobel, CitiCable General Manager
Tom Potter, CitiCable Production Manager
Darius Jones, CitiCable Programming Manager

Chair Warner called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Member Spivey moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept minutes from the January 2024 meeting. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Director's Report

Director Messam presented the Director's Report to the board.

The Board was presented with 10 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports. In total, the reports involved approximately 15 officers with 31 allegations with the recommended decisions of 16 exonerated, 1 not sustained, 6 unfounded and 8 sustained.

Public Comment

CCA Case Number 23013: Complainant Robert Addison was present and commented.

The following Cincinnati Black United Front members were also present and commented: Iris Roley and Julie Niesen.

New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 21250:** Member Harp moved and Vice Chair Burbanks, IV seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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2. **CCA Case Number 23013** Member Harp moved and Member Spivey seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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3. **CCA Case Number 23023:** Member Harp moved and Member Hall seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 1). Vice Chair Burbanks, IV abstained. **Motion passed.**

Member Spivey moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to adopt a Dishonesty allegation against Officer Adarryl Birch. (Agree 4 - Oppose 1, - Abstain 0). Vice Chair Burbanks, IV opposed. **Motion passed.**

4. **CCA Case Number 23059:** Member Spivey moved and Member Hall seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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5. **CCA Case Number 23063:** Member Harp moved and Vice Chair Burbanks, IV seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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6. **CCA Case Number 23070:** Member Spivey moved and Vice Chair Burbanks, IV seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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7. **CCA Case Number 23087:** CCA Interim Director Makiedah Messam requested the case be rescheduled. Member Harp moved and Vice Chair Burbanks, IV seconded a motion to accept CCA's request. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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8. **CCA Case Number 23105:** Member Harp moved and Vice Chair Burbanks, IV seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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9. **CCA Case Number 23128:** Vice Chair Burbanks, IV moved and Member Hall seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 4 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). Member Spivey opposed. **Motion passed.**
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10. **CCA Case Number 23229:** Member Harp moved and Member Hall seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

All CCA reports, with the exception of **CCA Case Number 23087**, will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

Announcements

None

Closing

Member Harp moved and Member Hall seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

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