

Citizen Complaint Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

Staff

Cathy Bailey, Assistant City Manager (ACM)
Dena Brown, Interim Director
Andrew Alanis, Investigator
Jessalyn Goodman, Investigator
Ronald Pugh, Investigator
Arnie Slaughter, Investigator
Robert Stephens, Investigator
Kaitlyn Streicher, Investigator
Joseph Vesper, Investigator
Brandon Upchurch, Sr. Administrative Specialist
Shurdina Mitchell, Administrative Specialist
Mark Burns, Internal Investigation Section Captain, CPD
Brent McCurley, Lieutenant, CPD
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 5:02 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Member Burwinkle moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept minutes from the January 2025 meeting. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain - 1). **Motion passed**

Director's Report

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

The Board was presented with 8 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 February 24, 2025:

- 1) Twenty cases are **90-180 days old**
 - a) 11 – are awaiting CPD records
 - b) 4 – are pending officer interviews
 - c) 2 – are being written
 - d) 1 – is on legal hold
 - e) 2 – are expected to be submitted the Board April 2025
- 2) Nine cases are **180-365 days old**
 - a) 5 – are awaiting CPD records
 - b) 3 – are pending officer interviews
 - c) 1 – is being written
- 3) Five cases are **1-year old-2-years old**
 - a) 1 – is pending officer interviews
 - b) 1 – is written but under revision
 - c) 1 – is being written
 - d) 2 – is on legal hold
- 4) 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.

New CCA Investigator Kaitlyn Streicher was introduced.

Public Comment

Cincinnati Black United Front (CBUF) member Ms. Julie Nelson spoke. Their theme for March 2025 board meeting is (1) reinforcing the need of officers wearing BWCs, (2) the disconnect between CPD and Cincinnati Animal Care, and (3) Officer Dylan Scalf's misconduct patterns.

Citizen Traci Everett spoke on an incident involving her son. The involved CCA case #22231 was closed and presented at the July 2023 Board meeting.

Member Burwinkle spoke about the 2023 Patterns Report. Member Burwinkle expressed a concern about receiving the Patterns Reports sooner. He also requested that CCA reports back to the Board regarding the following:

- What are CCA's problem solving approaches with CPD and the community?
- How are CCA and CPD going to collaborate to develop a process to enhance pattern citizens' understanding of CCA's processes?

Citizen Hellena Jones spoke on CCA case #23122. This case was closed and presented at the March 2024 Board meeting.

CBUF member Mrs. Iris Roley spoke on CCA case #23122.

Citizen Lakisha Howell spoke on CCA case #24217. She did not agree with CCA's findings.

Tabled Business

Investigator Arnie Slaughter presented an update on CCA case #23278 Qijuan Rogers. After reviewing four videos that were submitted to CCA, the original findings were not overturned.

1. **CCA Case Number 23278:** Member Warner moved and Vice Chair Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain). **Motion passed.**

New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 24031:** Member Arnold moved and Vice Chair Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain). **Motion passed.**

2. **CCA Case Number 24033:** 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.**

3. **CCA Case Number 24175:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Burwinkle seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations. Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

4. **CCA Case Number 24179:** 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.**

5. **CCA Case Number 24217:** Member Cama 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.**

6. **CCA Case Number 24224:** Vice Chair Williams moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

7. **CCA Case Number 24245:** Member Arnold moved and Member Burwinkle seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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8. **CCA Case Number 24248: There are no findings or recommendations to vote on.**

Cincinnati Administrative Code Article XXVIII (28) section 3 states (in part):

“Each citizen complaint, excluding matters involving criminal investigations, will be directed to the CCA regardless of where it initially is filed, and the executive director, in consultation with the board, shall establish criteria to determine whether specific complaints are suitable for CCA investigation or referral to the CPD’s Citizen Complaint Resolution Process (CCRP).”

Per the above section of Article XXVIII, the complaint is outside of CCA’s scope of investigative authority as Captain Norris is under criminal investigation.

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 6:33 p.m. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

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