

CCA Board Meeting Agenda April 7, 2025

- **Call to order**

- **Introduction by Chair Samuel Burbanks, IV**

The Citizen Complaint Authority was established in 2003 under the Collaborative Agreement and a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice. We are a seven-member board with a professional investigative staff, headed by a director. Staff investigates allegations of misconduct by police officers and, through the director, forwards the findings and recommendations to the board. Our decisions are based upon a legal standard known as a “preponderance of the evidence.” *Simply stated, the question is, “Does the greater weight of the evidence favor one side or the other?”* Our area of inquiry is solely whether the officer’s actions conformed to Cincinnati Police Department policies, procedures and training.

Our findings generally will be one of the following: (1) Unfounded: where the investigation determined no fact to support that the incident actually occurred; (2) Sustained: where the allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to determine the incident occurred and the actions of the officer were improper; (3) Not sustained: where there are insufficient facts to determine whether the alleged misconduct occurred; and (4) Exonerated: where the greater weight of the evidence indicates the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate police department policies, procedures and training. Our findings and recommendations are forwarded to the City Manager for final determination.

- **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Citizen Complaint Authority is to investigate serious interventions by police officers including, but not limited to, discharging of firearms, deaths in custody, and use of excessive force, improper pointing of firearms, improper search and seizures, and to resolve all citizen complaints in a fair and efficient manner.

- **Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

- **Director’s report presented by Interim Director Dena Brown**

- **Public comment period (not to exceed 3 minutes)**

- **Old business**

Member Burwinkle requested that CCA reports back to the Board regarding the following:

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

- **New business**

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| 1. CCA #24032 – Renard Dabney Jr. | 6. CCA #24254 – Bryan Roberts |
| 2. CCA #24034 – Alisha Crittenden | 7. CCA #24255 – Deborah Lewis |
| 3. CCA #24164 – Antwan Portis | 8. CCA #24258 – Christopher Wells |
| 4. CCA #24182 – Wayne Spencer | 9. CCA #25006 – Robert Dolan |
| 5. CCA #24223 – Bari Horrigan | |

- **Announcements**

- **Adjournment to executive session (if required)**
- **Reconvene if necessary (if required)**

Thank you for viewing and attending the CCA Board meeting today.

Remember, CCA is here to help you address any concerns you have regarding interaction with a Cincinnati Police Officer. While CCA's primary purpose is to investigate specific allegations of serious misconduct by CPD, even if your concern does not fall within CCA's purview, CCA will send all concerns or commendations to CPD on your behalf.

The next Board meeting will be on **Monday, May 5, 2025**, at 5:00 pm. Copies of any of the investigation summaries discussed today are available on CCA's website at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/ccia.

- **Adjournment**

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