

Citizen Complaint Authority
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023

Attendees Present

CCA Board

Wanda Spivey, Chair
Ashley Harp
Tracey Johnson, Vice Chair
Clarice Warner

Staff

Gabriel Davis, CCA Director
Dena Brown, CCA Division Manager (Chief Investigator)
Ike Ekeke, CCA Investigator
Morgan Givens, CCA Investigator
Jessalyn Goodman, CCA Investigator
Makiedah Messam, CCA Investigator
Robert Stephens, CCA Investigator
Joseph Vesper, CCA Investigator
Michelle Bonner, CCA Sr. Administrative Specialist
Heidi Woods, CCA, Administrative Specialist
Jay Johnstone, Captain, CPD's Internal Investigation Section
David Sturkey, Assistant City Solicitor

Chair Spivey called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Member Harp moved and Vice Chair Johnson seconded a motion to accept minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting as written. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Former Member Schemmel presented with service award.

Director's Report

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

The Board was presented with 20 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports. In total, the reports involved 59 officers with 133 allegations with the recommended decisions of 61 exonerated, 13 not sustained, 35 unfounded and 21 sustained.

Public Comment

Iris Roley of Cincinnati Black United Front was present and commented.

Matthew Korte of Cincinnati Black United Front and Friends of Bones was present and commented.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 22174:** Member Warner moved and Member Harp seconded a motion **to table this case** until May 2023. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Member Warner moved and Vice Chair Johnson seconded a motion to get clarification from the City Solicitor's Office as to whether the Board has subpoena power. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Comments

Mr. Robert Taylor's spouse, Jocelyn Austin was present - Mr. Taylor commented by phone.

2. **CCA Case Number 22144:** Vice Chair Johnson moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Comments

Mr. Wesley Walker was present and commented on his case.

3. **CCA Case Number 22214:** Vice Chair Johnson moved and Member Warner seconded a motion **to table this case** until the Board can review all relevant video. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Involved Citizen Demarcio Joy's grandmother, Patricia Matthews was present and commented on the case. Mr. Joy's aunt, Rita Stephens as well as his mother (Patrice Matthews) was present and commented.

4. **CCA Case Number 21154:** Vice Chair Johnson moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Comments

Involved Citizen Shandon Sims and Complainant Felicia Robinson were present and commented.

5. **CCA Case Number 22123:** Vice Chair Johnson moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 2 - Oppose 2 - Abstain 0). **Motion failed.**

The Board voted on individual findings.

Regarding the Sustained finding for the Improper Seizure allegation against Office Blackwell, Member Warner moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Regarding the Sustained finding for the Improper Seizure allegation against Office Glecker, Member Harp moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Regarding the Exonerated finding for the Improper Seizure allegation against Office Knapp, Vice Chair Johnson moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 2 - Oppose 2 - Abstain 0). **Motion failed.**

Regarding the Exonerated finding for the Improper Seizure allegation against Office Longworth, Member Harp moved and Vice Chair Johnson seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 2 - Oppose 2 - Abstain 0). **Motion failed.**

Regarding the Not Sustained finding for the Improper Search allegation against Office Knapp, Member Harp moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 3 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Regarding the Unfounded finding for the Improper Search allegation against Office Longworth, Member Warner moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 3 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Regarding the Unfounded finding for the Excessive Force allegation against Office Knapp, Member Harp moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 1 - Oppose 3 - Abstain 0). **Motion failed.**

Member Harp moved and Vice Chair Johnson seconded a motion to accept a Sustained finding for the Excessive Force allegation against Officer Knapp. (Agree 3 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Regarding the Sustained finding for the Improper Procedure (BWC) allegation against Office Knapp, Member Warner moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept CCA's finding. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Comments

Mr. Gregory Kimble was present and commented.

6. **CCA Case Number 21133:** Member Warner moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 3 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

7. **CCA Case Number 20116:** Member Warner moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

8. **CCA Case Number 21076:** Member Harp moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 0 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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Member Harp moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to table the remaining cases that CCA forwarded to the Board for review at the April 3, 2023 meeting until the May 2023 meeting:

- 1) 21100
- 2) 21126
- 3) 21160
- 4) 21183
- 5) 22040
- 6) 22050
- 7) 22052
- 8) 22071
- 9) 22090
- 10) 22108
- 11) 22183
- 12) 22226

(Agree 3 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The following two (2) cases were held for further review: 22174 and 22214.

CCA case numbers: 1) 20116, 2) 21076, 3) 21133, 4) 21154, 5) 22123 and 6) 22144 will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

Announcements

Vice Chair Johnson resigned – her last meeting was April 3, 2023. CCA and the Board thanked her for her service.

Closing

Vice Chair Johnson moved and Member Harp seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 9:22 p.m. (Agree 3 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

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