

Citizen Complaint Authority
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023

Attendees Present

CCA Board

Clarice Warner, Chair
Samuel Burbanks, IV, Vice Chair
Ashley Harp (arrived late)
Wanda Spivey
John J. Williams

Staff

Makiedah Messam, CCA Interim Director
Dena Brown, CCA Division Manager (Chief Investigator)
Andrew Alanis, CCA Investigator
Ike Ekeke, 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
Jay Johnstone, IIS Captain
David Sturkey, Assistant City Solicitor
Steve Sobel, General Manager, CitiCable
Darius Jones, Production Director, CitiCable
Tom Potter, Programming Director, CitiCable

Attendees Absent

CCA Board

Ryan Hall

Staff

Morgan Givens, CCA Investigator

Chair Warner called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Member Williams moved and Member Burbanks seconded a motion to accept minutes from the October 2023 meeting as written. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Elect Vice Chair

Member Williams moved and Member Spivey seconded a motion to nominate Member Burbanks as CCA's Vice Chairman of the Board. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

Director's Report

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

The Board was presented with 8 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports. In total, the reports involved 26 officers with 48 allegations with the recommended decisions of 15 exonerated, 3 not sustained, 10 unfounded and 20 sustained.

Public Comment

CCA Case Number 20119: Specialist Greg Gehring and Lt Stephenie Fassnacht were present and commented.

CCA Case Number 21226: Complainant Tania Harmon was present and commented.

Cincinnati Black United Front members Iris Roley, Julie Nielsen and Matthew Korte (Friends of Bones) were present and commented.

Old Business

1. **CCA Case Number 20119:** Member Spivey moved and Vice Chair Burbanks seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 4 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). Member Williams opposed. **Motion passed.**
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New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 20135:** Member Spivey moved and Member Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 4 - Oppose 1 - Abstain 0). Member Harp opposed. **Motion passed.**
 2. **CCA Case Number 21226:** Member Williams moved and Vice Chair Burbanks seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
 3. **CCA Case Number 22162:** Member Williams moved and Vice Chair Burbanks seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
 4. **CCA Case Number 23006:** Member Williams moved and Member Spivey seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
 5. **CCA Case Number 23008:** Member Spivey moved and Member Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
 6. **CCA Case Number 23028:** Vice Chair Burbanks moved and Member Williams seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
 7. **CCA Case Number 23032:** Member Williams moved and Vice Chair Burbanks seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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All CCA reports will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

Announcements

Mrs. Roley, Interim Director Messam and Chair Warner thanked Investigator Ekeke for his service – his last day with the organization is November 24, 2023. Chair Warner welcomed Samuel Burbanks to the Vice Chair position.

Closing

Member Williams moved and Vice Chair Burbanks seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 8:13 p.m. (Agree 5 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 4, 2023** at 5:00 p.m.

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