

Police Civilian Review Panel

March 7, 2024

Fairfax County Government Center

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Meeting Summary

Panel Members Present:

Cheri Belkowitz, Chair (virtual)  
Todd Cranford  
Fazia Deen  
Bryon Garner  
Dirck Hargraves  
Michael Lau (virtual)  
Celeste Peterson  
Janell Wolfe

Others Present:

Sanjida Lisa, PCRP  
Rachelle Ramirez, OIPA  
Richard Schott, OIPA  
Kenneth Bynum, Counsel  
Madison Gibbs, Counsel  
Lt. Brian Geschke, Internal Affairs Bureau  
Lt. Chris Cosgriff, Internal Affairs Bureau

Chair Belkowitz called the Police Civilian Review Panel's (PCR) business meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., and after taking attendance, noted the presence of a quorum. She welcomed everyone to the Panel's March 7, 2024, meeting. Chair Belkowitz also introduced Craig Miles, the new PCR Liaison.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Cranford moved approval of the meeting agenda. Mr. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of February 1, 2024 Draft Meeting Summary: Mr. Hargraves moved approval of the February 1, 2024 draft meeting summary. Mr. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment: There were no sign ups for public comment.

Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Presentation: Lieutenants Cosgriff and Geschke provided everyone in attendance a presentation on IAB procedures.

Discussion of Subcommittee CRP-23-15: Mr. Garner provided details of the allegations and a brief overview of the complaint. Mr. Garner presented the initial disposition of the subcommittee and provided a brief explanation of the Panel's subcommittee process. Mr. Cranford and Ms. Peterson further provided a summary of the facts of the case. Mr. Garner moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation. Vice Chair Wolfe seconded the motion and it carried with a majority, with Mr. Lau's vote not recording due to connection issues. Mr. Garner offered recommendations the subcommittee had in relation to the complaint. Their first question was about the SWAT team procedure and how it is determined how many SWAT officers are dispatched to a location. The second question was regarding

whether SWAT officers were required to wear name tags when conducting an arrest warrant. The third question was whether the robots that get deployed are lethal or non-lethal.

Discussion of Subcommittee CRP-23-25: Vice Chair Wolfe presented the allegations made by the complainant and provided a brief summary of the facts of the case. Vice Chair Wolfe provided a brief statement and shared her opinion on the case. She also presented the FCPD's General Orders (GO) 501 and 204 on search and arrest warrants and the connection with the Magistrates' office. Ms. Deen and Mr. Lau provided additional information. The complainant was present at the meeting and was given 15 minutes to address the Panel and present the reasons for the complaint.

Mr. Hargraves moved to accept the subcommittee recommendation of moving forward with a full review by the Panel. Mr. Garner seconded the motion and it carried with a majority, with Mr. Cranford voting against it. Mr. Cranford questioned whether the investigation by IAB was incomplete and needed to be sent back for further investigation before the full Panel review.

New Business: Chair Belkowitz announced that she had a long conversation with the new Liaison and discussed a number of topics the Liaison would address once he started. Chair Belkowitz also iterated the importance for all Panel members to have access to their PCRCP email addresses for FOIA compliance purposes. She also announced the FCPD's Use of Force workshop day on April 27<sup>th</sup> which the Panel had been invited to. Chair Belkowitz announced that Mr. Miles would be providing training to the Panel on investigations and would be coordinating additional training on implicit bias.

Chair Belkowitz also announced that the Panel had subcommittees on a variety of topics before and would like to restart some of them, such as subcommittees on outreach, procedures, working with counsel, training, and the recommendations matrix.

Mr. Bynum provided an update on the general assembly in relation to the Gloss v. Wheeler case, Senate bill numbers 36 and 415, which stated that public members can attend a meeting or event and have it not be considered a public meeting, so long as there is no public business discussed.

Ms. Deen announced that Ramadan would be starting soon and wanted to invite the Panel to an Iftar dinner on behalf of Dar al Hijrah mosque.

Vice Chair Wolfe reminded the Panel that since they had voted on a full Panel review, the timeline for the Review would be quick and Panel members would be responsible for scheduling their review of the case in a timely manner, prior to the April 4<sup>th</sup> Panel meeting.

Mr. Hargraves provided an update on the reform matrix working group.

Adjournment: Mr. Hargraves motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.