

CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – 5:00 PM
Vincent E. Griego Chambers, Basement Level
City/County Government Center – One Civic Plaza NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Members Present:

Leonard Waites, Chair
Valerie St. John, Vice Chair
Johnny J. Armijo
Eric Cruz
Joanne Fine
Chantal M. Galloway
Dr. William Kass
James A. Larson
Chelsea Van Deventer

Others Present

Edward Harness, CPOA
Maria Patterson, CPOA
Matthew Jackson, Esq.

Special Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and call to order.** Chair Waites called to order the special meeting of the Police Oversight Board at 5:03 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Waites led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Mission Statement.** Chair Waites read the Police Oversight Board's mission statement.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda.**
 - a) The board agreed to add an "Other Business" item prior to the "Adjournment" item.
 - b) Member Fine made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chair St. John seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:
For: 9– Cruz, Fine, Galloway, Kass, Larson, St. John, Van Deventer, Waites
- V. Public Comments.** None.
- VI. Election of New POB Vice Chair.**
 - a) Member Fine proposed that they discuss the election rules prior to having the election, seeking clarification about terms and whether someone with an incomplete term can succeed him/herself in the same position.
 1. Member Kass replied that the ordinance is clear: a board member cannot succeed him/herself.

2. Member Larson added, the ordinance clearly uses “remaining term” to mean that a member takes over the remainder of a term rather than beginning a new term.
3. Attorney Jackson let the board know that reelecting St. John as vice chair would have legal risks. Electing a different member would be safer.
4. Vice Chair St. John suggested the board elect a new vice chair.
5. **Motion.** Member Larson stated that the ordinance is clear and motioned to accept the language that states you cannot succeed yourself in the same office, regardless of when you were appointed to that position. Member Galloway seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:

For: 9– Cruz, Fine, Galloway, Kass, Larson, St. John, Van Deventer, Waites

b) Election.

1. Member St. John nominated Chantal Galloway for the position of vice chair. Member Armijo seconded the nomination. Chantal Galloway was elected vice chair by the following vote:

For: 9– Cruz, Fine, Galloway, Kass, Larson, St. John, Van Deventer, Waites

VII. Discuss Rescinding Letter to the Chief Re: CPC #093-17

- a) Member Larson explained that in the last POB meeting he made a motion to send the chief a letter regarding CYFD to APD handoff policy. However, Member Larson later learned that all calls from CYFD now go to dispatch and an SOP that reflects this change will be written in the next few weeks.
- b) **Motion.** Member Larson motioned to withdraw his previous motion and rescind the letter to the chief. Member Fine seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:

For: 9– Cruz, Fine, Galloway, Kass, Larson, St. John, Van Deventer, Waites

VIII. Other Business.

- a) **Meeting with Cdr. Sullivan and Elizabeth Martinez.** Member Galloway explained the goings-on in a meeting about the CPA use of force training. The meeting was held following the hearing with Judge Brack.
 1. Director Harness noted the use of force instructor will have one more chance to rectify his training in the full academy, however there will be standby instructors to step in and take over if needed.
 2. Member Fine expressed concern at the “happenstance” way they found out about the meeting. Director Harness explained that the meeting felt “happenstance” because it was cobbled together quickly after a different meeting (which did not involve the POB) was cancelled.
- b) **Contract Update.**

1. Member Cruz explained Director Harness's contract expires on October 17, 2018 which means the board needs to create a new contract.
2. Per City Council's recommended timeline, Member Cruz suggested reconvening Personnel Subcommittee in May in order to have an updated contract ready by June.
3. Member Cruz also mentioned that City Council is having a "social goals" meeting on May 3, 2018, which some of the board members should attend in order to express their approval of Director Harness.

IX. Adjournment. A motion was made by Member Kass to adjourn the meeting. Member St. John seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:
For: 9 – Armijo, Cruz, Fine, Galloway, Kass, Larson, St. John, Van Deventer, Waites

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Next Regularly scheduled POB meeting will be on April 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

APPROVED:

Leonard Waites, Chair
Civilian Police Oversight Agency

Date

CC: Julian Moya, City Council Staff
Trina Gurule, Interim City Clerk
Ken Sanchez, City Council President

Minutes drafted and submitted by:
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