

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – 5:30 PM
Vincent E. Griego Chambers, Basement Level
City/County Government Center – One Civic Plaza NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Members Present:

Leonard Waites, Vice Chair
Dr. Susanne Brown
Eric H. Cruz
Dr. David Z. Ring III
Dr. Lisa M. Orick-Martinez
Carlotta A. Garcia

Absent

Beth Mohr (Chair)
Joanne Fine

Others Present:

Edward Harness, Executive
Director
Michelle Contreras
Matt Jackson
Diane McDermott
Lt. Garcia, APD
Marlo Kiefer
Amanda Bustos

Minutes

- I. Welcome and call to order:** Vice Chair Waites called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** – Board Member Ring led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Public Comments:** None.
- IV. Citizen Police Complaint (CPC) 223-15:** Vice Chair Waites informed members that the purpose of holding a Special Meeting to hear this CPC is because of the 30-day time limit for discipline to be imposed. The POB gives their approval of the findings before the Executive Director can forward his recommendations to the Chief of Police. If the Chief agrees with the discipline recommendation, it must be imposed within 30 days after the investigation is completed.
 - A.** In CPC 223-15, a complainant alleged that after she called police to report suspicious activity at her neighbor's home, APD officers did not file a report, were offensive and unprofessional, and that she was wrongly charged with disorderly conduct and filing a false report. Officer S. and Officer L. and Officer H. were named in the complaint.
 - B.** The CPOA investigation found that there was cause to charge the citizen with disorderly conduct, but no probable cause to charge the citizen with filing a false report. The allegation of a violation of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was SUSTAINED for Officer S. and Officer L. The allegation that Officer H. made an unprofessional comment to the citizen

was found NOT SUSTAINED, which means there was not enough evidence to determine whether or not the misconduct had occurred. The CPOA found SUSTAINED Not Based on Original Complaint for Officer S., Officer L., and Officer H. for failing to record two of the three interactions with the citizen.

- C. Board members discussed issues regarding training of officers, supervisory duties, and how officers can better handle citizens who may be in a vulnerable situation, without charging the citizen for crimes after they've called police for assistance.
 - D. The policy regarding use of lapel cameras is currently on Power DMS, and Director Harness recommends that Board members review the policy and make comments or recommendations.
 - E. Board Member Ring moved to approve the findings for CPC 223-15 as written. Board Member Brown seconded the motion. **Approved.**
For: Brown, Ring, Waites, and Cruz
- V. **Other Business:** The CPOA will email a copy of the proposed mission statement to all Board members for their review and comments. The Board will vote on the mission statement at the next POB meeting.
- VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

- Next regularly scheduled POB meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.

APPROVED:

Beth Mohr, Chair
Civilian Police Oversight Agency

Date

CC: Julian Moya, City Council Staff
Natalie Howard, City Clerk
Dan Lewis, City Council President