

Civilian Oversight Board Meeting

Open Session Minutes

Location: 1520 Market, Room 4029

November 13, 2017

3:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Call to Order: Open Session called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Board Chair Stephen H. Rovak.

II. Roll Call and Attendance

Present: David Bell, Jane Abbott-Morris, Ciera Simril, Bradley Arteaga, Stephen H. Rovak

Late Arrivals: Aaron Banks (3:10 p.m.) Heather Highland (3:15 p.m.)

Also present were Mark Lawson, Associate City Counselor; Nicolle Barton, Executive Director; Louisa Lyles, Investigator; Aldin Lolic, Investigator; Dorothy Malone, Executive Secretary

III. Motion to go into Closed Session:

Aaron Banks entered the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

MOTION

Motion was made by Jane Abbott-Morris to go into closed session for the following purposes:

- A. Have confidential communications with legal counsel concerning legal causes of action pursuant to Section 610.021, (1) RSMo.
- B. Discuss matters relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees, pursuant to Section 610.021 (3), RSMo.

Seconded by David Bell.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Jane Abbott-Morris	Aye
Bradley Arteaga	Aye
Aaron Banks	Aye
David Bell	Aye

Stephen H. Rovak Aye
Ciera Simril Aye

The Board, with a vote of 6-0, approved the motion.
The Board went into closed session at 3:11 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

IV. Approval of October 16, 2017 Open Meeting Minutes

MOTION

A motion was made by Jane Abbott-Morris to approve the open meeting minutes from October 16, 2017. Seconded by Heather Highland.

The Board, with a vote of 7-0, approved the motion.

V. Discuss and vote on COB-17-0004

Complainant alleged that an SLMPD officer pulled the complainant over without probable cause and searched their person and vehicle without the complainant's consent. The complainant alleged being handcuffed after advising the officer they had a current carry concealed license and where the weapon could be located. No arrest took place and no citations were issued.

MOTION

A motion was made by Bradley Arteaga to agree with IAD findings of "Not Sustained" Seconded by Heather Highland.

The Board, with a vote of 7-0, approved the motion

VI. Discuss and vote on COB-17-0009

Complainant alleged the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department officers were extremely unfair and discriminatory when police did not allow the complainant to explain the circumstances of why they were on the property. The complainant stated they were not trespassing on the premises. In addition, the complainant alleged the officers threatened to "Tase" the complainant after being asked to leave the property. The complainant believed that it was a civil matter.

MOTION

A motion was made by Bradley Arteaga to agree with IAD findings of “Exonerated” On COB-17-0009. Seconded by Heather Highland.

The Board, with a vote of 7-0, approved the motion

VII. Discuss and vote on COB-17-0014

Complainant alleged that SLMPD violated the complainant and the complainant’s child’s Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure. The complainant also alleged that the officers illegally entered the residence where the complainant and the juvenile child were sleeping, and detained the complainant in handcuffs. IAD made several attempts to contact the complainant via telephone and certified letter to no avail. Therefore this case is being closed per the complainant not being available.

MOTION

A motion was made by Bradley Arteaga to close the case due to no cooperation by the complainant. Seconded by Heather Highland.

The Board, with a vote of 7-0, approved the motion

VIII. Discuss and vote on COB-17-0020

Complainant alleged that SLMPD officers used excessive force and unlawfully charged him with possession of drugs and a weapon. The complainant alleged that there was money taken from him and he was verbally abused and made to dress in women’s clothing to humiliate him. IAD received a Complaint Withdrawal Form that was submitted by client’s attorney on his behalf and as a result has closed this file. This complaint can be renewed once the criminal charges have been resolved.

MOTION

A motion was made by Bradley Arteaga to agree with IAD’s findings to close this file per the complainant’s request to withdraw the complaint. Seconded by Heather Highland.

The Board, with a vote of 7-0, approved the motion

IX. Discuss written reply from SLMPD regarding recommendations made by COB on COB cases; COB-16-0016 and COB-16-0006.

These matters were discussed during closed session but did not result in a motion being filed. Executive Director will draft a letter to the Chief of Police in response to the written replies from SLMPD.

X. Discuss issues surrounding recent complaints of protestors

Per the Board's approval, a meeting will be scheduled with IAD and COB staff in order to discuss these issues.

XI. Discuss issues surrounding Officers' displaying/not displaying name tags

Per the Board's approval, a letter will be generated through the efforts of one or more Board members to the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Safety to address this issue.

XII. Adjournment

Next Board meeting date will be December 18, 2017.

MOTION

A motion was made by Bradley Arteaga to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Aaron Bell.

The Board, with a vote of 7-0, approved the motion

Open Meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.