

**City of Syracuse  
Citizen Review Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Common Council Chambers  
Public Comment - 20 minutes at 6:30 PM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>
Pratt, Harry	x		Carter, Mae	x		Brunson, Cynthia	x	
Bey-Wright, Jah-Quan	x		Holmes, Hatisha		x	Favata, Joseph	x	
Levy, Richard	x		Marrero, Jose	x		Nilsson, Lori	x	
Love-joy-Grinnell-Bryn	x							

On Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, the City of Syracuse Citizen Review Board (CRB) held an open, stated meeting at 304 City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.

Richard Levy, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting was being held pursuant to notice and that a quorum was present.

1. On motion duly made by Mr. Levy, seconded by Ms. Nilsson and adopted, the Board approved the Minutes of the April and May, Board meeting.
2. Board Action Items
  - a. Mr. Levy states that Ms. Nilsson, Ms. Releford and himself took part in a webinar about viewing video. There was further discussion about bringing in training and a presentation for the board.
  - b. The board discussed the issues and news with body worn cameras in the SPD.
  - c. The board discussed the differences between frisk versus search, and their concerns about it.
  - d. Ms. Releford stated the need for a 4<sup>th</sup> district member.
3. Chairman's Items
  - a. Mr. Levy welcomed new member Bryn Love Joy Grinnell
  - b. Mr. Levy recapped the budget meeting from April 12<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned the case for obtaining case management software and additional staff such as a policy analyst, another community engagement specialist and a full-time investigator. He also mentioned the discussion on security or private security.
  - c. Mr. Levy shared that the CRB received \$65,000 to cover an investigator and software.
  - d. Ms. Releford shared that the CRB received \$50,000 for an investigator. The \$50,000 is separate from what is being paid to Freeland Investigation Services. A job title and summary will be created.

- e. The CRB asked for \$30,000 for software but was denied. The CRB was allotted \$15,000 for software. Further research into software will be conducted.
  - f. Ms. Releford shared that audio devices were purchased in order to utilize them during the investigation process. She states that video capabilities are being looked at for future use as well for in Office Interviews.
4. Administrator's Report
- a. Monthly Financial Report – Ms. Releford shared the detailed breakdown of expenditures for the year to date.
  - b. Ms. Releford stated how helpful the online portal has been for people making complaints.
  - c. Monthly case statistics – Ms. Releford reported that 1 new case was received in April, and there were 4 new cases in May making the total 22.
  - d. The executive session that happened the day before (August 31) reviewed 7 cases.
  - e. Ms. Releford mentioned the community engagement events occurring in June were organized by Mr. Heard.
5. Committees
- a. Outreach Committee – Mr. Heard stated that he has done the Community Folk Art tabling event and the Boys and Girls Club presentation. He stated that there are a series of events in June such as the Juneteenth event, the flag raising at city hall, and empowering neighborhoods with community walks, and the 10K basketball tournament through Syracuse Housing Authority.
  - b. Board Development/Training-Use of the NACOLE Webinars.
  - c. Government Relations – TBD
  - C. Police Relations- Quarterly next one on August
6. New Business-N/A
7. Public Comment (6:30 pm)-None
8. Meeting continued in Executive Session.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the Board adjourned its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Intern Citizen Review Board