

Adopted January 5, 2011

**Minutes
Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2010
333 City Hall
5:30 p.m.**

Board members present: Bellfield, Benson, Elayaperumal, Franklin, Kvidera, Pargo, Santiago, Terrell, Wetternach, Zuege
Board members absent: Kallenbach
Also present: CRA Manager Lee Reid
Deputy Chief Scott Gerlicher
Assistant City Attorney Joel Fussy

I. Call to Order

Chair Bellfield called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

Wetternach **moved** the agenda be adopted. Benson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reconsiderations

Zuege **moved** to close this portion of the meeting to the public pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Kvidera seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Benson **moved** to reopen the meeting. Kvidera seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval Of Minutes – November 3, 2010 Board meeting

Benson **moved** to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2010 Board meeting. Terrell seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports

Chair

Bellfield announced that starting January 5, 2011, Board meetings will start at 5:30 p.m.

Manager

- Reid does not have a November workload report to present to the board, due to a problem with department database.
- On December 11, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the board will hear reconsiderations. There must be at least six board members present. Five cases will be heard.
- One of the CRA investigators is out for a period, which leaves the CRA with one investigator.
- Reid asked board members to submit all 2010 stipend requests before December 31.

Committees

Outreach Committee – Terrell

Terrell went to PYC alternative school and Highpoint last week to talk to students about CRA. He will be inviting board members to attend outreach sessions that he will hold at PYC each month next year.

Policy Committee - Zuege

The policy committee will not meet in early December, due to the reconsideration hearings being held on December 11. Zuege asked for comments on whether to hold the next meeting in late December or to wait until January.

Data Practices Working Group – Zuege

The group should meet again, but due to the board's other commitments, Zuege is asking for feedback on when to schedule the next meeting.

Bellfield asked board members to send Zuege an email with their meeting preferences. Zuege will tentatively plan to set meeting dates for both committees in January.

Steering Committee – Wetternach

The committee met on November 15. The next meeting will be held on December 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Spyhouse Coffee House, 25th and Nicollet. The committee held a discussion about ordinance changes. In addition to basic language changes, other suggestions were to shorten the time period for complaint filing, currently one year; that the Mayor sign off on any Level D sustained complaints; that officers be able to ask for a reconsideration. The committee will be researching these issues. Administrative Rules also need language updating, but the committee is focusing on ordinance changes first. Wetternach plans to have a draft of proposed changes before the December 13 committee meeting.

Elayaperumal stated that he has received the data he requested last month from CRA. He received some helpful information from Lt. Glampe, IAU, but it does not cover the entire data request. Elayaperumal has submitted a copy of the motion to Glampe, for his reference, and Elayaperumal awaits a reply. Gerlicher said that some data can be obtained through the IAU database, but it is an extensive request and it comes at a time when IAU had just received another huge data request from a citizen, for similar data. This is extremely labor-intensive. Much of the data Elayaperumal requested is included in that request. Gerlicher expects Elayaperumal will receive parts of the data soon, as they become available. Some will take longer. Some of the information Elayaperumal requested is not public information. Whatever data the attorneys allow the MPD to provide will be provided.

Elayaperumal has not yet heard from the City Attorney's office. Fussy stated that a paralegal and an administrative manager in the City Attorney's office are currently working on the request. They initially thought it would be easy to pull the data from their electronic system, but they are having some difficulty mining some of the data. Fussy will address this with the board next month.

VI. Public Invitation – Comments limited to three minutes for each speaker

Chuck Turchick

If tonight's meeting was resumed at 6:30 intentionally, he thanks the board.

Dave Bicking

He read the CRA Participation in the performance review of Chief Dolan and he thinks it is very well done. He hopes it will be posted to the CRA web site soon. He asked for status of the final approval and release.

Mike Salchert – POFM

He commented about the steering committee thoughts about MPD officers being able to request a reconsideration. Regardless of whether or not there is a contractual problem, it shouldn't affect the CRA's ability to put it in the ordinance.

VII. Business

- Zuege **moved** to amend the document that was approved at the November board meeting, *CRA Participation in the Performance Review of MPD Chief Dolan*, to correct Deputy Chief Gerlicher's title and to reference in the document that it was amended as of this board meeting. Terrell seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- Bellfield stated there will be no hearing panels in December, except for the reconsideration hearings being held on December 11. Benson would prefer reconsideration hearings be held on a weekday evening, rather than a Saturday. Bellfield explained that this will allow the board to hear all reconsiderations on one date, rather than meeting on multiple dates.

VIII. Announcements

- The Committee of the Whole will hold a public hearing to consider reappointment of Patrick Kvidera to the board on December 9. Public comment will be taken.
- Zuege watched a program on PBS Frontline about the New Orleans Police Department, *Law and Disorder*. It covers issues that came up during Hurricane Katrina, and discusses police accountability issues in general.

IX. Adjournment

Zuege **moved** the meeting be adjourned. Kvidera seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.