

City of Troy, NY

Police Objective Review Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: February 3, 2025

Place: Troy City Hall

Time: 6:41PM

Present: Chairman Marcus Nix
Vice Chairwoman Starletta Renee
Secretary Elijah Scott
Paul Higgitt

Guests: Richard Morrissey Esq.
Captain Mary Magnetto

Absent: Jeff Anderson (E)
Michael Tuttman (U)
Peter McCorkle (E)
John Vanalstyne (E)

The February 2025 Police Objective Review Board meeting was called to order at 6:41pm on February 3rd. There was no quorum.

There was a discussion about Article III, Section 5 of the PORB bylaws which addresses completion of a training program for new members. While new members of the PORB are encouraged to review general orders/policies along with a ride along, a composition of an orientation program and what role the Troy Police Department should have regarding this training requirement will be further investigated. There was also a suggestion of seeing a mock use of force report to see how investigations are completed.

With the new list out for future officers, there was a brief discussion about background checks including what systems are used to conduct them and what type of questions are asked about personal history.

On January 4, after a housefire, there was a complaint stating that the TPD destroyed ashes. Further investigation and a statement from the city revealed that there was an object found with both a top and bottom missing, and the complainant's family identifying it as an urn. The complainant was also allowed to review body camera footage. The investigation into the cause of the fire is still ongoing.

The PORB reviewed both reports and camera footage for OPS 24-41 and 24-42. In OPS 24-41, the complainant alleged that the officer harassed and treated them poorly. The PORB agreed with the action taken by OPS which exonerated the officer. Review of the footage reveals that there was no

mistreatment by the officer. The PORB however, does recommend that the loss of sound on the body worn camera be addressed with the officer by command staff.

OPS 24-42 was a complaint alleging an illegal search of a vehicle. The PORB disposition does not match the TPD disposition of exonerated. A review of the body cam footage reveals that the complainant did consent to a search of his person but gave no consent to search his vehicle which was done by another officer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 3, 2025.