

City of Troy, NY

Police Objective Review Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 6, 2023

Present: Marcus Nix
 Starletta Smith
 Taneisha Harris
 Elijah Scott
 Michael Tuttmann
 Mayor Patrick Madden
 Captain Anthony Conyers

Excused: Jeff Anderson

The February 2023 Police Objective Review Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Marcus Nix at 6:38pm on February 6.

The roll was called and a quorum was established. Chairman Nix wanted to get clarification about the terms of board members and the different lengths of terms. Mayor Madden explained that four of the initial board members are appointed to a four year term for the purpose of creating staggered terms and stability of the board (Article 3, Section 2 of the PORB by laws). The minutes for the January 2023 PORB meeting were accepted (Elijah's motion and Michael's second).

The Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group, Inc also has an event scheduled A More Welcoming, Inclusive & Safer Troy, A Community and Police Partnership on May 16, 2023 at Bush Memorial Hall (Russell Sage). We were provided with a draft of the flyer to see if we would like to add the PORB as one of the organizations at the event. This is an opportunity for the community and the police to have a conversation.

The PORB unanimously voted for another term for Marcus Nix as Chair and Starletta Smith as Vice Chair. The PORB also elected Elijah Scott to serve as Secretary in the next term.

Sergeant Jeremy Morris provided the PORB with information about the TPD Camera Assistance Program. The program is used to help homeowners, businesses, and neighborhoods set up security cameras that will be registered with SafeCam. Cameras and registration may help deter crime and assist TPD with crime prevention strategies. TPD will also be informing the public about the program through other forms of media. Those in need of assistance can contact the Camera Assistance Program at 518-270-4476.

The website currently has both an English and Spanish version of the Compliment/Complaint Form and the city will contact the IT program about possibly providing more translations.

We were unable to find statistics showing the number or percentage of residents of Troy who are Afghan American. The PORB felt that there was due diligence and there will be other avenues for those who may need language assistance if needed. Statistics for most demographics in the Capital Region can best be obtained on the Capital Region Planning Commission's website at cdprc.org.

The press release to fill the two vacancies was completed, approved, and Mayor Madden will get it in circulation via multiple forms of media (Starletta's motion, Elijah's second).

Columbus Buish reached out to Chairman Nix about no longer serving on the board and expressed a desire to resign. A letter of resignation was requested but not received. Chairman Nix decided to hold a vote for removal (Taneisha's motion, Starletta's second). All of those who attended this meeting voted unanimously for removal from the PORB. Chairman Nix stated that we need to make sure both Columbus Buish and Stacey Howard are no longer included in any correspondence in regards to PORB.

Starletta is in the process of completing the annual report. She and Chairman Nix will meet up later in the month to make sure it is ready to be published. The report will include things such as reviews of complaints and camera footage, summary of meetings, the reality-based training, amongst other events in 2022.

Captain Conyers provided the PORB with both the report and camera footage for case file 22-20.

Captain Conyers stated that the Police Department is in the process of announcing a new exam, possibly in the fall. He also stated that the department is looking to hire a police matron

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 until March 6.