

City of Troy, NY

Police Objective Review Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2025

Place: Troy City Hall

Time: 6:35PM

Present: Jeff Anderson
Paul Higgitt
Peter McCorkle
Chairman Marcus Nix
Vice Chairwoman Starletta Renee
Secretary Elijah Scott
John Vanalstyne

Guests: Mayor Carmella Mantello
Captain Mary Magnetto
Richard Morrissey Esq.

Excused: Michael Tuttman

The March 2025 Police Objective Review Board meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on February 3rd. There was a quorum.

The PORB's annual report was presented for a final review. The PORB unanimously voted to accept the annual report barring a few corrections. The report will be submitted to the city this month.

Last month there was a decision made by the New York State Court of Appeals in regard to complaints of misconduct made against law enforcement officers. It was ruled that complaints that were not found to be credible can't be categorically withheld from members of the public who request them. Records can still be redacted for privacy related information.

We were presented with an overview of the implicit bias training class that is taken by new officers. A PowerPoint presentation showed examples of implicit bias and what exercises are done with the class in order to give them more perspective on what approach they should take to policing, and how it will help be effective officers.

Reviews were done for OPS files 24-43, 24-45, and 24-47.

24-43 was a civil rights complaint for which there was no camera footage. The complainant walked out of the crosswalk in a school zone. The school resource officer reached out to the complainant, but the

complainant objected to the phone call. The PORB unanimously agrees with the OPS disposition of exonerated.

OPS 24-45 was a complaint of a wrongful arrest. TPD attempted to contact the complainant for clarification since the complaint was not complete and was filed with court papers. The complaint was closed by incident review.

For 24-47 was a complaint via email that an officer was targeting their family member. This is a current ongoing investigation for firearms. The officer acted within policy and procedure. The PORB agrees with the OPS disposition of exonerated based on what is currently known so far.

The PORB will get access to the remaining OPS files for 2024 once the cases for 2025 are logged.

The meeting closed with an update of the proposed amendments to Chapter 79 of the city code in which city council will address in their meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7th.