

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025, 5:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER 3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

- PRESENT: Chair Steven Bell, Vice Chair Violet Gutierrez, and Commissioners Charles Dillon, Natasha Ferguson, Bobby Garcia, Robert Lundy, and Jeffery Ward
- ABSENT: Commissioner Eileen Teichert
- STAFF PRESENT: Ruby Castillo, Debra Cook, Lorena Verdusco, Daisy Gastelum, Frank Hauptmann, and Captain Eric Detmer
- ALSO PRESENT: Pamala Hall

Chair Bell convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Violet Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following discussion, and without formal motion, the Community Police Review Commission unanimously voted Commissioner Steven Bell as the Chair of the Community Police Review Commission, and he accepted.

Following further discussion, Commissioners Garcia, Gutierrez, and Teichert were nominated for the position of Vice Chair. Following a roll call vote, Commissioners Garcia, Dillon, Lundy, Gutierrez, and Bell voted for Commissioner Violet Gutierrez for Vice Chair with Commissioners Ward and Ferguson abstaining and Commissioner Teichert absent.

Following a majority vote, Commissioner Gutierrez accepted the position of Vice Chair.

The Community Police Review Commission took a brief recess and reconvened at 5:42 p.m. with Chair Bell presiding and all Commissioners present except Commissioner Teichert.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Pamala Hall spoke regarding Closed Session Item No. 12 pertaining to Case No. PC24-12063.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Chair Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Ferguson abstaining and Commissioner Teichert absent.



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MINUTES

The minutes of February 26, and March 26, 2025, were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The Community Police Review Commission received and ordered filed the Communications reports for the months of February through March 2025.

2024 COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Police Review Commission reviewed and approved the final 2024 Community Police Review Commission Annual Report.

ABSENCE OF MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

The Community Police Review Commission recorded the absence of Commissioner Lundy from March 26, 2025, regular meeting as excused.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

CONCLUDE STAGE 1 AND PROCEED TO REVIEW STAGE 2 OF THE CRIMINAL CASE BOOK FOR OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH CASE #2022-00362 AND #MB22 019 0001 - J. TRACY Community Police Review Commission Independent Consultant Frank Hauptmann opened the review of Stages 1 and 2 of the Criminal Case Book for Officer Involved Death Case #2022-00362 and #MB22 019 0001 - J. Tracy. Mr. Hauptmann provided the Commission with an update on the public records requests submitted to the Riverside County Sherriff and Hemet Police Department for any and all body worn camera videos, Closed Circuit Television videos, and photos pertaining to OID involving J. Tracy and continued with a summary of the investigation and applicable investigative reports.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Dillon and seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez to (1) conclude review Stage One of the Criminal Case Book for Officer Involved Death case #2022-00362 and MB22 019 0001 - J. Tracy; and (2) begin Stage Two - Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation of the Officer Involved Death case #2022-00362 and MB22 019 0001 - J. Tracy. If the Commission requests important facts to be discussed, for clarification on policies, practices, and procedures, or request additional training or additional investigation that it be presented at the April 23, 2025, Community Police Review Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Ward abstaining and Commissioner Teichert absent.



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Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez to move Stage Two - Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation of the Officer Involved Death case #2022-00362 and MB22 019 0001 - J. Tracy to next month's meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Teichert absent.

ABSENCE OF MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Dillon to excuse the absence of Commissioner Garcia from the regular meeting of March 26, 2025. The motion carried with Commissioners Ferguson and Lundy abstaining, and Commissioner Teichert absent.

CLOSED SESSIONS

At 6:04 p.m., the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) recessed from open session and at 6:17 p.m., reconvened in closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54957 the Commission will discuss issues pertaining to public employee personnel matters related to CPRC/Riverside Police Department Case Nos.: (1) PC24-10048; (2) PC24-10050; (3) PC24-11053; (4) PC24-12063; and (5) PC24-11054.

The Community Police Review Commission returned to open session at 6:41 p.m. with Chair Bell presiding and all Commissioners present except Commissioner Teichert.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

There were no reportable actions from the City Attorney regarding Closed Session discussions.

BRIEF REPORTS ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CPRC There were no reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by the Commission members.

UPDATES FROM THE RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain Eric Detmer provided updates on (1) the Police Department's three-year Strategic Plan and 25-year growth projections; and (2) recent promotions, patrol numbers, academy numbers, and the upcoming retirement of Robert Phillips.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Principal Management Analyst Ruby Castillo provided information regarding the upcoming Board and Commission reception on April 29th.



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Chair Bell welcomed new Commissioners Ward, Lundy, and Ferguson.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS OR CPRC MANAGER There were no future items requested at this time.

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Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO Assistant City Clerk