

Minutes for the Salt Lake City Police Civilian Review Board meeting held Monday, July 11, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 126, City County Building, 451 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Board Members In Attendance: Brent Ward, Nafitalai Unga Kioa, Claudia O'Grady, Scott McCoy, Daniel Levin, Cristina Trujillo, Antje Curry, Daniel May, Ramona Gonzales, Nancy Appleby, Patti Esham, and Susan Webster.

Absent: Eligio White and Teddi Velarde.

Also In Attendance:

Administrator:	Ty McCartney
Police Board Advisor:	Dean Carr
Deputy City Recorder:	Chris Meeker

I. The meeting convened at 5:03 p.m. Chair Scott McCoy presided.

II. Approve minutes of April 11, 2005 Meeting:

Motion: Mr. Kioa moved and Mr. Levin seconded to approve the minutes as corrected for April 11, 2005, which motion carried, all members present voted aye.

III. New Business

a. Review and approve quarterly board report for April through June 2005.

Ms. Appleby said even with the amount of data she did not know how to draw conclusions about what the data meant. Ms. O'Grady said she had charted the data and compared characteristics of complainants and characteristics of the officers. She said patterns for sustain, exonerate and unfounded were all similar. She said one variation was against female officers. She said 71% of female officers that had complaints against them were sustained. Ms. Curry said the numbers were distorted for female officers.

Mr. McCartney said there were a total of 85 cases against male officers as opposed to seven for females. Mr. Levin asked what the correlation number was for complaints against females filed by members of the force vs. complaints filed by citizens. He said those filed by other officers had a higher sustain rate due to better knowledge.

Mr. McCartney said he changed the way statistics were being counted. He said if the initial complaint was use of force but was sustained it counted as a

sustained case. He said the mission of the Board was to look at use of force cases. He said had gone back to all cases investigated and looked for allegations. He said the new stats showed all allegations. He said he felt this would be a more accurate way of keeping numbers.

Mr. Levin said the numbers were now tracking allegations rather than complaints. Mr. McCartney said that was correct. He said the total sustain rate went down 54% as opposed to 58%. He said the no determination was possible category went down in all categories. He said the goal was to reach a determination.

Mr. Kioa said he was concerned with a specific case where the recommendation of the Board was to exonerate the officer. He said the officer had been placed on administrative leave for three weeks and then terminated. Mr. McCoy said the Panel Chair could write to the Mayor and the Chief of Police and express disagreement with the ultimate determination made by the Chief. A discussion was held regarding the case. Ms. Appleby asked that the Police Department provide more information regarding why the officer was terminated. Mr. McCoy said Mr. McCartney could ask informally and then a letter could be written by the Chair of the Panel if a formal letter was needed.

Mr. Kioa said the officer may have taken a medical disability due to a medical diagnosis.

Mr. McCartney asked if the Board would be interested in adding a new statistic to the report. He said it would be the difference in the Chief's decision vs. the Civilian Review Board's decision.

Motion: Ms. O'Grady moved and Ms. Appleby seconded to approve the quarterly board report for April through June 2005, which motion carried, all members present voted aye.

b. Review the Salt Lake Police Department's policy on use of tasers.

Mr. McCartney said the Chief had requested \$130,000 for the purchase of tasers. He said a task force was formed to review how Salt Lake City used tasers. He said the use of tasers had been classified at the same level as the use of pepper spray. He said tasers had currently been moved up one classification to impact tools. He said he would send Board Members an e-mail of a taser video.

A discussion was held regarding panel members being randomly selected and unexcused absents from panels.

Patty Esham was introduced as a new Board Member representing District One. Ms. Esham said she had retired from the Salt Lake County Health Department after 27 years and had created the Meth Lab cleanup program.

Mr. McCartney introduced Daniel May to board members. He said he currently worked for Wells Fargo and represented District Three. He said he had just finished 98% of the Civilian Review Board requirements.

IV. Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Curry moved and **Mr. Levin** seconded to adjourn, which motion carried, all members present voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Civilian Review Board Chair

Deputy City Recorder