

**CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
January 14, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.**

Board Members	Attendance	1/2013 – 12/2013 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
James Jordan, Vice Chair	P	1	0
Lt. John Appel	A	0	1
Marc Dickerman	P	1	0
Ted Fling	P	1	0
Lt. Glenn Galt	P	1	0
Officer Nina Justice	P	1	0
Kenneth Staab (arr. 6:07)	P	1	0
Maxine Streeter	P	1	0
Roosevelt Walters	A	0	1

It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Staff

Captain Doug MacDougall, Internal Affairs, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Sergeant Edgar Cruz, Internal Affairs, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Sergeant Mike Dodson, Internal Affairs, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Lisa Edmondson, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

A. Roll Call

Vice Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll was called.

B. Approve Minutes from December 10, 2012

Motion made by Mr. Dickerman, seconded by Officer Justice, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

C. General Information

It was discussed whether Board Officers may be elected without prior notice appearing on the Agenda. Vice Chair Jordan stated that elections would be held at the next scheduled meeting.

Captain MacDougall presented former Board Chair Alan Stotsky with a plaque in recognition of his service with the Board.

Vice Chair Jordan welcomed new member Maxine Streeter and asked that she introduce herself to the Board at this time. Ms. Streeter was appointed to the Board by Commissioner Romney Rogers. When in government practice, she worked for the Attorney General's Office in Civil Litigation and represented Police agencies throughout the state of Florida.

D. Review the following Internal Affairs Investigation:

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| 1. Complainant: | Chief Franklin C. Adderley (IA Case 12-136) |
| 2. Allegation: | 1) Failure to conduct a complete or proper Police investigation. |
| 3. Officer: | Shannon Dameron |
| 4. Disposition: | 1) Sustained |

Motion made by Mr. Dickerman, seconded by Lt. Galt, to accept the findings.

Mr. Staab arrived at 6:07 p.m. and Vice Chair Jordan welcomed him to the Board. Mr. Staab is a retired law enforcement officer and is currently a professor at the Miami-Dade College School of Justice. Mr. Staab was appointed to the Board by Commissioner Bruce Roberts.

Mr. Fling noted that despite more than 10 years' experience, the Officer had not requested backup in this case; in addition, the Officer was acquainted with one or more of the individuals involved in the incident. He asserted that he did not feel it was fair for this incident to be included in the Officer's permanent record, as the State Attorney's Office has not produced any criminal evidence in this case. He concluded that he could not support the finding of Internal Affairs unless the Police Department or the City released the Officer's personnel record to show that this was not an isolated incident.

Lt. Galt clarified that the Officer was cleared by the State Attorney's Office of any criminal charges. Officer Justice added that no evidence was found that would lead to the Officer's prosecution. She stated that she concurred with Internal Affairs, as there was insufficient detail included in the Police report and the Officer in question could not adequately recall the incident according to his statements.

Vice Chair Jordan pointed out that the issue of backup had been raised, and the Officer had replied that it was not customary during that shift to request backup.

Mr. Staab observed that the Officer's report was reviewed by his Supervisor, after which time the State Attorney's Office found probable cause and filed charges. The case was then placed under review, and the Public Defender's Office filed a complaint. He asked if this is the typical sequence of events when criminal charges have been accepted. Capt. MacDougall confirmed this. Mr. Staab asked if it is Department policy to send backup in a case when the responding Officer handles all the necessary paperwork. Capt. MacDougall stated that the responding Officer documents the incident; if another Officer is involved in the chain of custody or witnessed the use of force, for example, that Officer would document what he or she had seen or done as well.

Mr. Staab remarked that because the Officer has made so many arrests during his career, he is likely to have written a great many probable cause reports and affidavits. Sergeant Dodson said once the Board has accepted or not accepted the findings of Internal Affairs, the Officer would be recommended for additional report writing training.

Mr. Staab asked if the Public Defender's Office had another way to share its concerns other than the allegations made in this case. Ms. Streeter said she did not believe there was another way, as the Officer had failed to make a record in this case.

Vice Chair Jordan recalled that in the past, the Board had expressed a desire to know more details of what would follow with the Officer, such as retraining in report writing in this case. Mr. Fling said he felt it was strange to retrain an Officer after 10 years. Mr. Staab said this report appeared to be an aberration for an active Officer, and noted that the State Attorney's Office had found sufficient probable cause to file charges. The Public Defender's Office is also obliged to raise the best defense possible for their clients.

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 6-1 (Mr. Fling dissenting).

Officer Justice requested follow-up on whether or not Mr. Walters would remain on the Board, so Commissioner DuBose could appoint a new representative if necessary. Capt. MacDougall said his understanding was that Mr. Walters would continue as a Board member, but had been unable to attend this particular meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.