

POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018, 6:00 PM
Room 24, City Hall

Members Present: Michael Harris, Chair; Luke Beland; Sam Beal; Reggie Parsons; Emily West; Maria Testa; Mary Zwolinski

Staff Present: Commander James Sweatt; Lt. Cliff Strout; Anne Torregrossa, Associate Corporation Counsel

Public Present: None.

6:00 Call to Order

Motion to approve meeting minutes from August 8, 2018. Seconded. Passed 7-0.

6:03 Motion to move into executive session to review IA investigations pursuant to 1 M.R.S § 405(6)(A). Seconded. Passed 7-0.

7:55 Motion to move out of executive session. Seconded. Passed 7-0.

Motion to find that the IA investigation 2018-004 was thorough, objective, fair and timely. Seconded. Passed 7-0.

Motion to find that the IA investigation 2018-008 was thorough, objective, fair and timely. Seconded. Passed 7-0.

Subcommittee discussed status of Annual Report. The Subcommittee still needs some information from the IA annual report, but is ready to approve the Annual Report as soon as that information is available. The Subcommittee will have additional discussions about changes for the 2018 Annual Report and what information it would like to have for that report.

The Subcommittee also discussed ways to engage the community. Some Committee members suggested that increased education is important, while others suggested that the public does not view the Subcommittee's role as robust enough and that changes to the structure might be in order.

Maria Testa passed out a position statement entitled "Community Oversight of Police Practices in Portland." Although the author is not identified, Ms. Testa indicated that this individual was arrested in connection with the Black Lives Matter protest in 2016.

Additional conversation ensued about previous attempts to change the scope of the Subcommittee's responsibilities, and that the question of this scope had previously gone to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

The Subcommittee will continue these discussions at a later date.

The October 10, 2018 meeting is cancelled due to lack of cases to review.

7:16 Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed 7-0.