

POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2018, 6:00 PM
Room 24, City Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Vern Malloch; Commander James Sweatt; Lt. Cliff Strout; Sgt. Julie Cannafarina; Anne Torregrossa, Associate Corporation Counsel

Public Present: None.

6:02 Call to Order

Motion to approve meeting minutes from July 11, 2018. Seconded. Passed 5-0.

6:05 Motion to move into executive session to review IA investigations pursuant to 1 M.R.S § 405(6)(A). Seconded. Passed 5-0.

6:10 Luke Beland joins the meeting.

6:50 Motion to move out of executive session. Seconded. Passed 4-0.

Motion to find that the IA investigation 2017-019 was thorough, objective, fair and timely. Seconded. Passed 6-0.

Motion to find that the IA investigation 2018-007 was thorough, objective, fair and timely. Seconded. Passed 6-0.

Subcommittee discussed proposed changes and comments on draft Annual Report. Some edits were proposed to the Annual Report, including adding contact information to the report, a disclaimer that the Subcommittee does not receive complaints about the Police Department, and an appendix showing locations to file a complaint. The Subcommittee still needs some information from the IA annual report, but hopes to be able to approve the 2017 Annual Report at the next meeting.

The Subcommittee also discussed ways to make themselves appear more impartial. A discussion was had about what could be discussed in executive session and what had to be discussed in open session. The Subcommittee also discussed the possibility of a meeting where no cases were to be discussed, and making an effort to get more public involvement. A suggestion was made that perhaps the presence of Police Department representatives at such a meeting might discourage feedback.

7:25 Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed 6-0.