

Citizen Complaint Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 7, 2025

Attendees Present

CCA Board Members

John Williams, Vice Chair
Bill Burwinkel, Member
Rosa Cama, Member
Clarice Warner, Member

Staff

Dena Brown, Interim Director
Andrew Alanis, Investigator
Jessalyn Goodman, Investigator
Ronald Pugh, Investigator
Arnie Slaughter, Investigator
Robert Stephens, Investigator
Kaitlyn Streicher, Investigator
Joseph Vesper, Investigator
Brandon Upchurch, Sr. Administrative Specialist
Shurdina Mitchell, Administrative Specialist
Mark Burns, Internal Investigation Section Captain, CPD
Brent McCurley, Lieutenant, CPD
David Sturkey, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department
Steve Sobel, CitiCable General Manager
Tom Potter, CitiCable Production Manager
Darius Jones, CitiCable Programming Manager

Attendees Absent

Samuel Burbanks, IV, Chair

Cathy Bailey, Assistant City Manager

Vice Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Member Burwinkel moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept minutes from the January 2025 meeting. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain - 0). **Motion passed**

Director's Report

Interim Director Dena Brown presented the Director's Report to the Board.

The Board was presented with 9 new fully vetted CCA investigation reports.

The Board Chair requested the Director provide a report on the backlog of cases over 90-days old. As of March 31, 2025:

- 1) Ten cases are **90-180 days old**
 - a) 5 – are awaiting CPD records
 - b) 2 – are pending officer interviews
 - c) 1 – is being written
 - d) 1 – is on legal hold
 - e) 1 – is submitted to the Board May 2025
- 2) Sixteen cases are **180-365 days old**
 - a) 8 – are awaiting CPD records
 - b) 3 – are pending officer interviews
 - c) 5 – are being written
- 3) Three cases are **1-year old-2-years old**
 - a) 2 – are being written
 - b) 1 – is on legal hold
- 4) One case is **over 2-years old**
 - a) The case involves discharge of firearm allegations. Due to the nature of the incident and the location of the incident in Kentucky, CCA is awaiting records.

Public Comment

Chair Samuel Burbanks, IV and Louis Arnold were excused from the meeting.

Cincinnati Black United Front (CBUF) member Mrs. Iris Roley spoke. Their themes for April 2025 Board meeting are focused on Body Worn Cameras (BWC), Mental Health Response Teams (MHRT) and the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD).

Member Burwinkel, Interim Dena Brown, Mrs. Iris Roley (CBUF), and Member Warner commented on old business. Member Burwinkel requested that CCA report back to the Board regarding the following:

- What are CCA's problem solving approaches with CPD and the community? Per Interim Director Dena Brown – CCA is waiting on a permanent director to be named. However, in the past the previous director held a meeting once a month. Mrs. Iris Roley (CBUF), included that quarterly meetings were held as well to update CCA on their recommendations. Mrs. Iris Roley (CBUF), also suggested that this conversation is held offline.
- How are CCA and CPD going to collaborate to develop a process to enhance pattern citizens' understanding of CCA's processes? Member Clarice Warner wanted to know why didn't CCA's staff mention the process or have a conversation regarding Member Bill Burwinkle's question at

March's board meeting? She also asked if everything is waiting on an executive director, is the process still in place where the Assistant City Manager is the go-to person.

CCA's Board, Interim Director Dena Brown and Mrs. Iris Roley (CBUF) will meet on a later date to discuss further.

New Business

1. **CCA Case Number 24032:** Member Burwinkel moved and Member Cama seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

2. **CCA Case Number 24034:** Member Warner moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

3. **CCA Case Number 24164:** Member Warner moved and Member Cama seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

4. **CCA Case Number 24182:** Member Warner moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

5. **CCA Case Number 24223:** Member Warner moved and Member Cama seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

6. **CCA Case Number 24254:** Member Burwinkel moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

7. **CCA Case Number 24255:** Member Burwinkel moved and Member Cama seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

8. **CCA Case Number 24258:** Member Warner moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

9. **CCA Case Number 25006:** Member Burwinkel moved and Member Warner seconded a motion to accept CCA's findings and recommendations, if any. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**
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All CCA reports will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

Announcements

Mrs. Iris Roley (CBUF) had an announcement. For the next 30 days she is asking if citizens would join her at transit sites to help feed and give children information to help them have a safe and positive summer. If interested, she can be contacted at irisroley@gmail.com or 513-800-6925.

Mrs. Iris Roley (CBUF) also requested that CCA attach the Internal Investigations Section (IIS) reports with their findings.

Closing

Member Warner moved and Member Burwinkel seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 6:42 p.m. (Agree 4 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

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