

Citizen Complaint Authority  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
January 10, 2022

**Attendees Present**

***CCA Board***

Mark Childers, Chair  
Timothy Barr, Jr. Board Member  
Tracey Johnson, Board Member  
Luz Elena Schemmel, Board Member  
Phyllis Slusher, Board Member,  
Wanda Spivey, Board Member

***Staff***

Gabriel Davis, Director  
Dena Brown, Division Manager (Chief Investigator)  
Ike Ekeke, Investigator  
Morgan Givens, Investigator  
Jessalyn Goodman, Investigator  
Heidi Woods, Administrative Specialist  
Cpt. Amanda Caton, CPD, Internal Investigation Section  
Lt. Davis Sprague, CPD, Internal Investigation Section  
Carolyn Glosby, Assistant City Solicitor

**Attendees Absent**

Michelle Bonner, Sr. Administrative Specialist

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Chair Childers called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Member Schemmel moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to accept minutes from the December 2021 meeting as written. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

**Director's Report**

Director Davis presented the Director's Report to the board.

The Board was presented with 6 new and 1 old fully vetted CCA investigation reports. In total, the reports involved 11 officers with 22 allegations with the recommended decisions of 5 exonerated, 2 not sustained, 3 unfounded and 12 sustained.

Investigator hiring update: An offer was extended to one individual – the process is moving forward to fill the other positions. The video recording equipment is in place in the investigators' interview rooms. The recording will start as soon as the officer enters the room and record the session in its entirety. An abbreviated investigation summary was introduced and will be used in future meetings. All final investigations will be published on the CCA website.

## Public Comment

**Iris Roley, Cincinnati Black United Front and NAACP** – Mrs. Roley has concerns regarding the backlog and asked for more information regarding CCA’s internal processes regarding investigations.

**Matthew Korte, Citizen** – Mr. Korte asked if the Office of Performance and Data Analytics’ CincyInsights data related to CCA maintained by CCA; and why was the decision made to redact officers names from the Patterns Report.

**CCA Case Number 19007** – Officers Sterbling and Utecht along with their legal counsel members were present and elaborated on the allegations against Officers Sterbling and Utecht. Both officers objected to the Sustained findings in the case.

## Old Business

1. **CCA Case Number 19007:** Member Johnson moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed**

## New Business

2. **CCA Case Number 19040:** Member Schemmel moved and Member Slusher seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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3. **CCA Case Number 19043:** Member Slusher moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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4. **CCA Case Number 19090:** Member Schemmel moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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5. **CCA Case Number 19132:** Member Johnson moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings and recommendation.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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6. **CCA Case Number 20057:** Member Barr moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings and recommendation.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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7. **CCA Case Number 20126:** Member Slusher moved and Member Barr seconded a motion to accept CCA’s findings.  
(Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

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CCA case numbers 19007, 19040, 19043, 19190, 19132, 20057 and 20126 will be forwarded to the City Manager for review and final disposition.

### **Announcements**

Chair Childers stated that the new meeting format will be a big improvement, once the bugs are worked out.

### **Closing**

Member Barr moved and Member Schemmel seconded a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m. (Agree 6 - Oppose 0 - Abstain 0). **Motion passed.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

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