



MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY MEETING

APPROVED

CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

DATE: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers
Urbana City Building
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Allegretti, Chair; Katrina Kindle; Peggy Patten; Renae Nicholson

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Boyd, Human Rights and Equity Officer
Tom Unzicker, Human Rights Specialist

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Tony Allegretti called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. The Recording Secretary took roll and a quorum was present.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Allegretti asked a motion to amend or approve the agenda. Peggy Patten moved to approve the agenda as drafted. Katrina Kindle seconded. The motion carried on a voice vote.

C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Allegretti introduced and welcomed Renae Nicholson as a new member of this board. The City Council's approval of her appointment occurred on Monday, August 25.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2025

Peggy Patten noted that various portions of the draft of the minutes of the April meeting spelled her last name incorrectly. The corrections should read "Patten" with an 'e'. The Recording Secretary apologized and made a note to correct the final version.

Ms. Nicholson pointed out that a page of the minutes had "2024" as the date at the top, when it should have read "2025.". With the changes note, Mr. Allegretti asked for a motion.

Ms. Nicholson moved to approve amending the minutes with the corrections. Ms. Kindle seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried on a voice vote.

Ms. Patten then moved for acceptance of the amended minutes. Ms. Kindle seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

E. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. TASER Review and Updates

Mr. Allegratti explained that the Board reviews video and reports whenever a TASER use occurs by the Urbana Police Department. The scheduled presenter, Lt. Mike Cervantes, was out sick today.

The presentation will occur at the October meeting. Carla Boyd added that the components of the presentation are available to view in the Portal. The Board may also make recommendations to the Police Chief.

2. Annual Report

Ms. Boyd explained that the “Annual Report”, in development by this Board, evolving in draft form, and available on the Portal, covers multiple years. It continues to need input and review from all members, as well as the addition of a “Message from the Chair”. Mr. Allegratti shared the goal of completion before the end of 2025.

3. Recruitment of New Members – Outreach

Discussion occurred among members about potential outreach events. Members wishing to do outreach at “Thursday Night Market at the Square” should contact the Office of Human Rights and Equity for assistance with preparation.

Ms. Boyd invited members of this board to join her for outreach on Sunday, September 7th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Sunnycrest Center parking lot for the mayor’s initiative, the “Philo Road Ahead” Community Block Party.

Ms. Patten expressed her view that the best results of outreach occur at events where residents want involvement and approach the table, for example the Farmers Market or at the annual neighborhood meeting of SEUNA. Ms. Nicholson suggested encouraging high school students to attend City meetings helps cultivate long-term interest in civil involvement.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Administration

Mr. Allegratti reported on his first meeting with Mayor DeShawn Williams, who took office in May. Joined by Ms. Boyd, discussion occurred about the historical activity of this board, and potential updates internally or at the ordinance level.

They discussed the May 29, 2024 meeting of this board, and the summation at that meeting last year of a long-term agenda. Additionally, they discussed utilizing this board to receive initial input from the public on issues, which might eventually make their way to City Council.

H. OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms. Boyd shared her monthly report. Highlights included:

- Status of complaints
- Responded to a Freedom of Information request
- Worked with the staff of the Urbana Police Department to update the organization of files in the Portal
- She joined Mayor Williams for the meeting with Ms. Nicholson prior to her appointment
- In July, Tom attended two Neighborhood Nights, and she attended another Market at the Square event
- Registration is open for the annual Black Mental Health and Wellness Conference, Saturday, September 20th at Parkland College

- The Illinois Together Against Hate Conference occurs on Tuesday, October 21st at the I-Hotel

Board Member Follow Up

Mr. Allegretti described the role of this board when a police complaint investigation results in a decision made by the Chief of Police, which receives an appeal.

Ms. Patten expressed interest in hearing updates about the status of the Alternative Task Force. She wishes to actively pursue this board's mission of continually improving police-community interactions.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. This Board has three vacancies
2. Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
3. The December meeting is Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
4. Expect an agenda item next time to review the schedule of future meetings

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Allegretti called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Kindle so moved. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Unzicker
Recording Secretary