

MINUTES

Citizens Police Review Board Meeting

October 27, 2010
6:00 p.m.
City Hall – New Addition
City Council Chambers
701 East Broadway
Columbia, Missouri

Board members present: Ms. LoCurto-Martinez, Mr. Highbarger, Ms. Smith, Mr. Dean, Ms. Wilson, Mr. McClure, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Weinberg and Mr. Martin.

Staff Present: Officer Turner, Officer Wieneke, Officer Haden, Fred Boeckmann and Rose Wibbenmeyer. Other members of the police department were also present.

Members of the public were present. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Ms. LoCurto-Martinez and Officer Turner signed a Garrity Warning form.

Ms. LoCurto-Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Ms. LoCurto-Martinez reviewed the procedures she would use at the meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the presence of witnesses while other witnesses were speaking with the Board. Mr. Boeckmann stated that there was a Sunshine Law question regarding whether or not any witnesses could be excluded. He stated that the officer should be allowed to be present during the review. Mr. Martin stated that he had no problem with the complainant being present. Mr. Boeckmann stated that all of the witnesses had given extensive statements. Mr. Weinberg stated that he was uncomfortable with the provision in the bylaws as a blanket policy. He was content with all witnesses being present during the entire meeting. Mr. Highbarger indicated that it was best to have the other witnesses, not the officer or the complainant, outside the room while a witness was speaking to the Board. Ms. Wilson agreed with Mr. Highbarger. Ms. LoCurto-Martinez stated that the Board wanted Officer Turner and Mr. Billups to be present, but wanted the other witnesses excluded. Mr. Highbarger made a motion to exclude the other witnesses. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed with only Ms. Smith and Mr. Weinberg voting against the motion. Ms. LoCurto-Martinez asked the other witnesses to wait in the lobby.

The Board heard from Officer Mosley and she answered questions posed by the Board. The Board also questioned Mr. Goldman and Mr. Nelson. Officer Turner appeared before the Board and answered questions posed by the Board. Mr. Billups appeared before the Board and answered their questions.

Ms. LoCurto-Martinez announced that there would be two more witnesses to appear on this case on November 10, 2010. She invited public comment on other matters, but indicated that the public could not comment on this appeal at this time.

Mr. Weinberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martin seconded his motion. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.