

CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 – 5:00 PM
Plaza Del Sol Building
600 2nd Street NW
Basement Hearing room #160
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Members Present:

Beth Mohr, Chair
Leonard Waites, Vice Chair
Susanne Brown
Dr. Carlotta Garcia
Dr. Lisa M. Orick-Martinez
Rev. Dr. David Z. Ring III

Members Absent

Johnny J. Armijo
Eric Cruz
Joanne Fine

Others Present

Edward Harness, CPOA (by telephone)
Matthew Jackson, Esq.
Michelle Contreras, CPOA
Diane McDermott, CPOA
Dr. Miriam Verploegh, CPOA
Erin O’Neil, CPOA

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and call to order** - Chair Beth Mohr called to order the regular meeting of the Police Oversight Board at 5:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** –Vice Chair Leonard Waites led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Mission Statement** – Vice Chair Leonard Waites read the POB’s Mission Statement.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda** - The agenda was not approved because there was only one item on the agenda.
- V. Public Comments**
 - a) **Diane Goodman** - Summary of comments to the Board: Ms. Goodman read a list of questions that she would like the POB to consider when the POB gives their report to the DOJ regarding the APD lapel video tampering issue.
 - b) **Paul Haidle, ACLU, Criminal Justice Advocate** – Summary of comments to the Board: Mr. Haidle wanted to say thanks to the POB for taking a look at the issue of the APD video tampering.
- VI. Investigation regarding allegations of video tampering by Albuquerque Police Department Personnel**
 - a) This topic was divided into two segments: criminal and investigative.
 - 1. Criminal Investigation** - Discussed the criminal investigation and that it be handled by an outside Law Enforcement Agency.
 - a. A motion was made by Chair Mohr that the Police Oversight Board (POB) request that the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or if they are not interested in taking it, the State Police

would come in and do an independent investigation of the allegations.
Member Ring seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Brown, Garcia, Mohr, Orick-Martinez, Ring, Waites

2. Administrative Investigation – Discussed the administrative investigation be handled by an independent investigator.

a. A motion was made by Chair Mohr that the Police Oversight Board (POB) request that an independent investigator, somebody hired by the City overseeing at least not just by the City Attorney, that the Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) would have some role in oversight of that administrative investigation and also that we would have a role in the ad hoc committee in selecting an investigator. Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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b) Discussed that if it was determined that the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief or other high-ranking officials participated in destruction of evidence, or knew or should have known that it was occurring, that the POB would expect them to step down voluntarily at that time.

XV. Adjournment - A motion was made by Member Ring to adjourn the meeting. The motion was not seconded. The motion was carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Brown, Garcia, Mohr, Orick-Martinez, Ring, Waites

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

*Next regularly scheduled POB meeting will be on
Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 5 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers.*

APPROVED:

Beth Mohr, Chair
Civilian Police Oversight Agency

Date

CC: Julian Moya, City Council Staff
Natalie Howard, City Clerk
Dan Lewis, City Council President

Minutes drafted and submitted by: Michelle Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant