

CITY OF NEWBURGH
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND REVIEW BOARD

Corey J. Allen, Chairperson

83 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND REVIEW BOARD MEETING, May 27, 2015
The City of Newburgh Police Community Relations and Review Board meeting was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, New York.

Members Present:

Corey J. Allen, Chairman
Anthony Bruce
Jose Castaneda
Lenny Lewis
Ramona Monteverde

Members Absent:

Patrick Berardinelli, Sr.
Reggie Brown
George Keller
Rasheda Worth

Also Present:

Daniel Cameron, Acting Police Chief
Michelle Kelson, Corporation Counsel

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Allen at 7:03 pm after a quorum was confirmed.

Chairman Allen opened the meeting by welcoming the members and the public and invited Mr. Lewis to introduce himself to the Board.

The Board agreed to review and approve the April and May minutes at the June ^{meeting.}

Ms. Kelson provided an update on efforts to obtain appropriate training from outside sources. Ms. Kelson advised the Board that her representatives at Pace University Law School who could provide relevant training would charge an hourly rate for their time. At least one professor offered a rate of \$75.00 per hour. However, law students have the opportunity to earn credits for projects that meet certain criteria. The law students could assist the Board in defined projects in exchange for credits toward graduation. Areas of assistance to the Board include the research and drafting by-laws, rules and procedures for the Board; development of community outreach; and

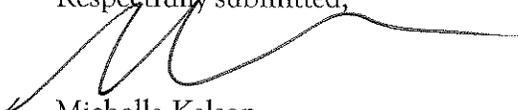
education programs and the identification and implementation of best practices in the area of civilian complaint review, investigation techniques and oversight of law enforcement. The Board also reviewed the benefits of becoming a member of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) and training and education opportunities available through NACOLE membership.

Acting Chief Cameron announced that a Community Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Newburgh Free Library. The Forum is sponsored by the Library, Exodus and the City of Newburgh Police Department. The Forum will have a presentation of hot topics in law enforcement in the City of Newburgh and a question and answer period. Chairman Allen will moderate the panel. The Forum information will be distributed by flyer, on the City's website and through a press release. Mr. Lewis suggested additional distribution through social media. All Board members were encouraged to attend. Ms. Kelson advised that if 5 or more members attend, it should not create Open Meetings Law issues because the Forum is open to the public and will be a general community discussion.

Chairman Allen invited Acting Chief Cameron to provide an update from the Newburgh Police Department. Acting Chief Cameron reported that the body-worn camera pilot project is expected to launch at midnight on June 1, 2015. The Police Department has received a total of 4 cameras and there will be one camera on the street for each shift during the pilot project. The body-worn camera policy is completed. The supervisors have been trained and the volunteer officers were selected and are ready for training. After the pilot program concludes, there will be an evaluation and development of next steps for implementation. Acting Chief Cameron noted one civilian complaint was received by the Police Department and it was transmitted to Ms. Kelson to be distributed to the Board. Ms. Kelson confirmed receipt of the complaint and that the complaint was sent to all Board members by email. Acting Chief Cameron stated that the investigation of the complaint is underway and the results will be distributed to the Board for review. Acting Chief Cameron invited the Board members to attend the Police Department awards ceremony scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2015 at Hudson Auditorium, Mt. Saint Mary College at 5:30 pm.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Ramona Monteverde and **seconded** by Anthony Bruce. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Kelson
Corporation Counsel