



WESTPORT

Civilian Review Panel
Action Minutes (Draft - Not Approved for Distribution)
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April 28, 2022 Meeting

Minutes of the Town of Westport Civilian review panel held on Thursday April 28, 2022 in the Town Hall Auditorium, Westport Town Hall, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, Ct.

In attendance: Panel Members: Harold Bailey -Chair (arrived at 10:08), Teri Fabi, Mike Guthman, Candace Savin. Additional attendees: Deputy Police Chief David Farrell, Fire Chief Michael Kronick, EMS Deputy Director Marc Hartog, Assistant Town Attorney Eileen Flug, and members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 9:12am by acting Chair Candice Savin.

- 1) Introduction (C. Savin)
- 2) Minutes of April 8, 2022 meeting unanimously approved
- 3) Public Commentary on Non-Agenda Items – no action taken
- 4) Election of Civilian Review Panel Chair person was tabled awaiting Harold Bailey's arrival. Upon his arrival he requested that the vote be delayed until the full panel is attendance. The panel members voted unanimously to delay until such time as all were in attendance.
- 5) A proposed Statement of the CRP's Policy on Public Comment was unanimously approved.
- 6) Chief Kronick described the mission, structure and employment concerns of the Fire Department. No action was taken.
- 7) Deputy Director Hartog described the role, structure, and funding of the EMS department. No action was taken.
- 8) Atty. Flug reviewed the FOI provisions regarding caucuses and CRP member attendance at departmental interviews of complainants. She agreed to follow up as to whether CRP members can ask questions during the interviews.
- 9) Atty. Flug reviewed the discussions held with Elliott Spector re: potential CRP training. Chairman Bailey, upon his arrival, made supplemental comments and agreed to follow-up on possible funding arrangements for the training.
- 10) Mike Guthman reviewed the draft description of the CRP's involvement in the complaint review process. This draft is intended to be placed on the CRP's web page. Atty. Flug pushed back on some of the draft and agreed to present a rewrite for the next CRP meeting.

The CRP, upon unanimous agreement of the panel members, went into executive session to discuss Civilian complaints number 2021-018809 and 2021-07.

Upon exiting the executive session, the panel unanimously voted to adjourn.

Submitted by Mike Guthman