

CITIZENS' PANEL FOR REVIEW OF POLICE COMPLAINTS AND USE OF FORCE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Fagen called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Chairman Laurie Fagen
Vice Chair Tamra Ingersoll
Panel member Sam Enoch
Panel member Jill Slavin
Panel member Diane Mardis
Panel member Debra Schinke
Panel member Flor Martinez
Panel member Jason Diefenbacher
Panel member Dawn Vukadinovich
Panel member Carlos Lozano
Panel member Joshua Whitaker
Panel member Christopher Heo
Panel member Joseph Yang
Panel member Gina Giammona

Members Absent:

Panel member James Bogert

Staff in Attendance:

Cmdr. Jason Sieczkowski
Lt. Robert Dykstra
Lt. Michael Prendergast
Sgt. Daniel Greene
Det. George Arias
Ofc. Ronald Bromund
Rosemary Rosales, Deputy City Attorney
Pamela Leon, Staff Liaison

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of April 4, 2023

Vice Chair Ingersoll moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023, Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force meeting.

Panel member Lozano seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by **all Panel members** present.

3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

- a. Mr. Brian Vaughn – Citizen Complaint

Mr. Vaughn expressed his concern regarding case 12-P-900559. Mr. Vaughn did not agree with Officer Fairclough's decision to submit charges to Chandler Prosecutor's Office against his significant other for disorderly conduct.

The Panel asked general questions to Mr. Vaughn regarding his relationship to the defendant listed in the case as he was not the individual listed as a defendant or victim in the report or case. **Vice Chair Ingersoll** asked what the outcome of the case was.

Mr. Vaughn stated the case was dismissed by the prosecution in April 2023.

Commander Sieczkowski stated officers may seek translation services when needed to complete an investigation.

4. ACTION AGENDA

- a. **Review and discuss the Shooting Incident of September 17, 2021, presented by Det. Ynclan (2021-102022)**

The findings of the investigation were approved by **all Panel members** present.

- b. **Review and discuss the Shooting Incident of June 1, 2022, presented by Det. Duncan (2022-61139)**

The findings of the investigation were approved by **all Panel members** present.

- c. **Annual Use of Force Review, 2022**
Review and discuss the 2022 use of Force Analysis

Chair Fagen asked how the rollout of the Mental Health Unit is coming along. **Sgt. Greene** from the Training Unit for Chandler Police notified the Board Sgt. Waters is the Sergeant for the Behavioral Unit. Sgt. Greene explained to the board the Behavioral Unit has not deployed yet due to logistics. However, it will be deployed within the next couple of months.

Panel member Enoch moved to approve the 2022 Annual Use of Force Review. **Panel member Diefenbacher** seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Annual Report: Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force**
Review and discuss the Council Memo for the Annual Report: Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force, July 2022 – June 20, 2023

There were no questions or discussion.

Vice Chair Ingersoll moved to approve the Council Memo for the Annual Report: Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. **Panel member Yang** seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- e. **Use of Force Summary Quarter 1 2023**
Discussion regarding the Use of Force Summary for the first quarter of 2023

Reference Summary 1, **Panel member Yang** asked if this was the first time the BolaWrap has been used. **Det. Arias** stated it was not the first time the BolaWrap was deployed.

Reference Summary 4, **Panel member Yang** asked why the CEW deployment did not take on the first try and instead took on the fourth application and if it has to do with equipment failure or a training issue. **Det. Arias** stated the Detention Officer deployed four applications as the first three did not subdue the individual.

Reference Summary 7, **Panel member Lozano** asked if there is a reason as to why the laser (CEW) was not effective and if the probes were attached correctly.

Cmdr. Sieczkowski referred to Officer Bromund who is an officer with the Training Unit. **Ofc. Bromund** explained the reason as to why the deployment of a taser may not be as effective for several reasons. Ofc. Bromund notified the Board, the department has upgraded to a newer version of the taser.

Panel member Yang asked if officers must complete a full check of their tasers prior to starting their shift.

Ofc. Bromund stated every officer checks their taser prior to starting their shift.

Reference Summary 14, **Panel member Whitaker** asked if there was a reason for releasing K9 Cowboy. **Det. Arias** explained how using a K9 can be used as a tool for the officers to use and the best way to effectively handle an arrest in this case due to the incident taking place at night.

Panel member Yang moved to approve the Use of Force Summary for the first quarter of 2023, seconded by **Panel member Lozano**.

The Use of Force Summary of the third quarter of 2023 was approved by **all Panel members present**.

5. BRIEFING ITEMS

None

6. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduction of newly appointed members Gina Giammona, Jill Slavin, Diane Mardis, Debra Schinke, Flor Martinez, Jason Diefenbacher, and Joseph Yang

7. CALENDAR/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

Upcoming personnel changes

Staff member Det. Arias announced he will be retiring in September and will no longer be on the board. Notified the Board the newly appointed Staff Liaison will be in attendance at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ingersoll moved to adjourn, seconded by **Panel member Yang**. The motion was approved by **all Panel members present**, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.