

**CIVILIAN APPEAL BOARD MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

*These minutes are a summary of the discussions that took place during the last meeting of the Civilian Appeal Board. They are not a verbatim transcription of the remarks made by any individual.*

**CALL TO ORDER: 4:01 PM at City Hall Commission Chambers**

Members: Present: Huemartin Robinson II (*Chairperson*)  
John Weiss (*Vice Chair*)  
Briana Trudell  
Michelle Williams  
Sophia Brewer

Member(s): Absent: Russell Olmsted

Non-Members Present: Brandon Davis, Director of Oversight and Public  
Accountability (*Board Liaison*)  
Philip Strom, Deputy City Attorney  
Kevin Curiel-Vazquez, OPA Administrative Aide  
Claudette Henry, OPA Exec. Asst. (*Board Secretary*)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Civilian Appeal Board (CAB) of the City of Grand Rapids was called to order at 4:01 PM on September 15, 2021, at City Hall Commission Chambers by Chairperson Robinson. Chairperson Robinson welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the CAB. Chairperson Robinson stated that the purpose of the CAB is to act as a review body according to City Commission Policy #800-02 for finding facts made by the Grand Rapids Police Department (GRPD), concerning complaints made by individuals who believe that they have been mistreated by police officers through the use of excessive force, falsification/lying, civil rights violations; and/or conduct committed in a context of racial animosity or prejudice.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted. Members who were present or absent are listed above. Mr. Olmsted informed the Board that he would not be present at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Chairperson Robinson called a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board on August 18, 2021.

- Moved by Michelle Williams and Seconded Briana Trudell.
- Motion carried: Unanimously.

**BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Mr. Davis informed the Board that he did not have anything to report.

**ROLL CALL VOTE FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Chairperson Robinson called a motion to enter into a closed session, according to the Open Meetings Act 15.268, Subsection 8(h), to consider a written legal opinion on issues raised during the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Moved by Briana Trudell and Seconded by Michelle Williams.

Roll Call Vote:

Sophia Brewer	YES
Briana Trudell	YES
Michelle Williams	YES
Huemartin Robinson II	YES

Motion passed.

**CLOSED SESSION REGARDING LEGAL OPINION**

A closed session was held to discuss a legal opinion and started at 4:07 PM.

Note, Vice-Chair Weiss joined the closed session and the remainder of the open meeting.

**Resumed Meeting:** The open meeting resumed at 5:56 PM.

The Board presented and voted on the following motions:

**Motion #1:** Moved by Michelle Williams that Chairperson Robinson write correspondence on behalf of the Board to the City Manager regarding the inadequacy of the supplemental investigation received from the Labor Relations Division in the Slater case. Seconded by Briana Trudell.

Motion passed.

**Motion #2:** Moved by Michelle Williams to appoint an ad hoc committee of two to support the Board Liaison in creating the annual report for 2020 and 2021. Seconded by Briana Trudell.

Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **Expungement Fair**

Mr. Davis announced that the Black and Brown Cannabis Guild will host a resource expungement fair at the Lifequest Urban Ministries in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The event is advertised on social media, and more information is available on the OPA's Webpage. Mr. Davis added that the event is an opportunity for the community to take advantage of the Clean Slate laws.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM by Chairperson Robinson.