



Community Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB)

Minutes

Ward 6 Community Room

Hybrid Meeting

3202 E. First Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tadeo at 5:36 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Jaime Tadeo, *Chairperson*

Annabelle Nuñez, *Vice Chair*

Kate Calhoun

Carlos R. Portillo, (ineligible to vote) departed at 7:00 pm.

Nancy Huff

Jerry Flanary (*Non-Voting Advisory Member*)

Representing:

Mayor

Ward 3

Ward 4

Ward 5

Ward 6

CPARB

Ex-Officio Members:

Mitch Kagen, *Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)*

Sgt. Darrell Hussman, *Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)*

City Manager's Office

Tucson Police Department

Members Absent:

Vacant

Vacant

Representing:

Ward 1

Ward 2

Others Present:

Lt. James Wakefield

Lt. Tony De La Rosa

Adrian Harrison

Tucson Police Department

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Ana Juarez, Administrative Assistant

Adriana Garcia, Administrative Assistant

City Clerk's Office

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2. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from March 18, 2025.

It was moved by Annabelle Nuñez, duly seconded by Nancy Huff, and passed by a roll call vote of 4 to 0, to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from March 18, 2025.

3. Report from Chairperson (Information Only)

Chairperson Jamie Tadeo indicated that board members' training hours will be reported to him after Kate updates and emails the tracking hours spreadsheet to him.

4. “Zebra Crew” Presentation

Report was given by Officer Adrain Harrison, Tucson Police Department. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Officer Adrain Harrison with the ODM Zebra Unit, which was officially known as the Community Engagement Team. Their team consists of four members: two work during the day, and two work at night. A lot of their work involved proactive policing, focusing on addressing community complaints and quality of life issues. This included conducting park checks and visiting businesses that were experiencing problems with trespassers or frequent theft. They occasionally looked for wanted individuals, but typically avoided situations that involved violent crime, as there were usually just two on duty.

5. Call to the Audience

The City Clerk’s Office did not receive any requests to speak.

6. Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case # 23-0210

It was moved by Kate Calhoun, duly seconded by Annabelle Nuñez, and passed by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #23-0210, to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case # 23-0329

It was moved by Nancy Huff, duly seconded by Annabelle Nuñez, and passed by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #23-0329 to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case # 24-0109

It was moved by Kate Calhoun, duly seconded by Nancy Huff, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 to find Case #24-0109, to have been a fair and thorough investigation. *(Annabelle Nuñez abstained from voting, per Mayor & Council Rules and Regulations, “failure to vote by a council member shall be counted as an affirmative vote”). Motion passed by a vote 4 to 0.*

7. Tucson Police Department:

- A. *TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month***
- B. *Office of Professional Standards/ Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Professional Standards during the prior month.***

The CPARB members suggested that A. and B. updates and reports be combined.

Report was given by Lt. James Wakefield of the Tucson Police Department and Sgt. Darrell Hussman of the Office of Professional Standards. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

In March, the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) managed 150 open cases, with roughly 25% involving property damage, 50% being formal investigations, and the remaining 25% classified as informal. OPS also conducted 10 recorded employee interviews, reviewed five use-of-force cases, and closed 37 cases while onboarding 40 new ones, indicating ongoing backlog challenges due to staff changes. The Office of the Independent Police Auditor reported a high volume of public contacts, many of which were not actionable complaints, but service-related concerns or cases better suited for referral to other units like MIST. The MIST unit, tasked with mental health interventions, was overwhelmed and handled complex processes like involuntary evaluations and court-ordered treatments, highlighting the increasing demand for mental health-related law enforcement support.

8. Office of Independent Police Auditor

Report was given by Mitch Kagen of the Office of Independent Police Auditor. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

The Independent Police Auditor stated there was a backlog with contacts, many of which came from city officials or residents with service-related concerns rather than formal complaints. Only about one in three or four of these contacts are referred to the Office of Professional Standards (OPS), while others are redirected to the MIST unit if they involve mental health issues or unrealistic claims. The MIST unit, though overworked, handles tasks like responding to court-ordered treatment violations and facilitating involuntary evaluations for individuals deemed dangerous or severely mentally ill.

Note: Carlos Portillo departed at 7:00 p.m.

9. CPARB Vacancies

No report was given.

10. Future Agenda Items

The commission would like to bring in Kona, the K-9, and their handler for presentation, and suggested having a presentation on CIT and MIST.

11. Adjournment

Chair Tadeo adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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