

**Regular Board Meeting
Police Accountability Board
April 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

245 E. Main Street, Rochester, NY

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Attendees

Board Members: Lawrence Knox (Chair), Arlene Brown (Vice Chair), Daniel Cadet, Rev. Dr. Rickey Harvey, Rabbi Drorah Setel,

Absent/Excused: Dr. Robert Harrison

Staff: Sherry Walker-Cowart, Rosabel Antonetti

ASL Interpreters – DiMatteo, Wendy, Matteson, Cody

Item	Details	Vote	Time
Start of Meeting	<u>Welcome & Introductions:</u> Chairperson Knox called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions.		6:50
Approval of Prior Minutes	<u>Minutes:</u> March 2, 2023. Motion to approve the minutes made by Rabbi Setel, with a second by A. Brown .	Unanimous	6:55
	<p><u>Staff Report:</u></p> <p>Operational Division Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff completed 2 days of training March 13, 14, 27, 28 covering 11 different topics. • The staff support person resigned. Her last day was 3/31/23. • Staff have completed DHRM mandated trainings • City Charter mandated trainings will be conducted in May • Work session Presentation May 1, 3:00. City council chambers. • We are preparing for the Budget Hearing scheduled for May 25 at 9am –Working to get several positions filled. 2- Sr. Staff Attorney / Director of Case Management positions filled <p>Public Affairs – Community Engagement Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized and received approval for the PAB’s proposed print ad concepts. These will become billboards, posters, flyers. • Billboards will be up by the end of April. A map identifying where the different billboards will be located will be available for the board and on the website. • Signage will also be located on buses and bus stops. 		6:56

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A photographer was engaged to take pictures that more accurately capture the diversity of our community, including, but not limited to Latinx, people with disabilities. Asian. <p>Investigations Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigators continue to move cases through the workflow process of receiving and reviewing evidence and information. This is a major part of the investigative process. • No chief, deputy chief or attorneys in this unit hinders movement through the process. Supervision of the unit diverts to the Interim Executive Director • Interim Executive Director currently having 1:1 meetings with investigators to support what is needed to move cases. • Consultant attorney is available a few hours per week assists with some legal issues. • 3-5 cases > will be ready for a board panel to review in May. • Digital forensic analyst assisting with creating standardized forms in iSight to ensure consistency of documents. • Staff have canvassed and collected information and evidence to review for the recent officer involved shooting in Rochester. <p>Policy and Oversight Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De’Jon Hall has been named as the interim Chief of Policy and Oversight. • April 27th from 6-8pm the board will receive a training from the Policy and Oversight unit, and Investigations unit. • The Policy and Oversight Team in conjunction with Public Affairs and the Case Management team, released the March Monthly report which is available to the public at Rocpab.org • Compiled and analyzed public input (“community”) on the Data Transparency proposal for change. Next step is board review • Compiled and analyzed public (“community”) input on the Disciplinary Matrix. Next step is board review • Launched the Juvenile pepper spray oversight investigation • investigators are reviewing documents and drafting source of information request • Launched the Beanbag gun oversight investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PO investigators are reviewing documents and drafting source of information request <p><u>Chairs Report</u></p>	<p>Unanimous</p>	<p>7:00</p>
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	<p>At least two or more new board members will be joining the Board. Two PABA seats to be filled. One south seat is in progress of being filled as well as the Mayor’s appointment.</p> <p>There have been many days since some of the seats have been open. We are now getting new members on. Thanks to City Council for the work they are doing to get the positions filled.</p> <p>We continue to hear of incidents across this Country that reiterate how important this work is to our community. Thanks to the Board and staff who have stayed with the PAB to impact policing in our community.</p> <p>Budget: During this budget season, we want to ensure the PAB is appropriately and fully funded.</p> <p><u>Committee Report:</u> Training: It is imperative that a comprehensive on-boarding process be conducted for new Board members. They will need training, of which there is a lot. We will also be looking at ways of getting the trainings complete. L. Knox will work with Rosabel Antonetti in the absence of a staff support person.</p> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>The Board was asked to vote on closing the following cases from Policy and Oversight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTN #2022-0151, PTN #2022-0182, PTN #2022-0192. <p>Board members noted they did not remember seeing these cases in advance. Staff will (re)send the reports to the Board for review in preparation for the May 4th, meeting.</p> <p>The following cases were presented for closing. All are Lack of Jurisdiction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTN case closing 2022-0050- Name corrected in the document. <p>The vote to close this case was unanimous.</p>		Unanimous
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Investigations Closing due to Lack of Jurisdiction were presented to the Board for a vote. Each case was voted on separately. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PTN #2022-0002 – Yes Vote ▪ PTN #2022-0077 – Yes Vote <p>Follow up question: How do we verify the reporter was referred to an outside agency as stated in the closing report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PTN # 2022-0132 – Yes Vote <p>Follow up question: How do we verify the reporter was referred to an outside agency as stated in the closing report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PTN #2022-0160 – Yes Vote <p>In the future, include verification on the referrals for reporters.</p> <p><u>Old Business:</u> Rev. Dr. R. Harvey – Resigning from the PAB Board shared his thoughts and sentiments. This has been a wonderful and challenging experience. It has been rewarding and a privilege to serve this community.</p> <p>There were many firsts. Mayor Warren’s first appointee to the board. First to serve on the board with the 1st Executive Director, Connor Reynolds, the first Acting Manager, Duwaine Boscoe and the first female Interim Executive Director, Sherry Walker-Cowart. Served under the first female board chairperson and the first male board chairperson. Part of the first office fall outs and fall ins.</p> <p>Rev. Harvey noted that his plate and life is full. He expressed support in the PAB moving forward. 75% of the community voted for the PAB. Continual progress is being made to continue what the people voted for. As a citizen of Rochester he will continue supporting and promoting the PAB.</p> <p>ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion made by L. Knox</p> <p>End of meeting</p>	<p>Unanimous</p> <p>Unanimous</p> <p>Unanimous</p> <p>Unanimous</p> <p>Applause in Gratitude</p>	<p>7:15</p> <p>7:24</p> <p>8:15</p>
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