



Police Review Board
ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, January 27, 2022

5:00 pm-Private Briefing
Virtual via Zoom

6:00 pm- Public Meeting
Virtual via Zoom

Chairperson: Mayra Gomez

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

Board Members Present: Jason Khoo, JoAnn Nau, Daisy Chavez and Ryan Wagner

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Lylyana Bogdanovich, Captain Eric Trapp, Alyssa Guerrero, Lieutenant Christopher Moody

OIR Group Members Present: Michael Gennaco and Stephen Connolly

- **Call to Order – 6:06 p.m.**
Chair Mayra Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes – October Police Review Board Meeting**
MOTION: Board JoAnn Nau offered a motion, seconded by Board Member Daisy Chavez and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 5-0; Absent: 0) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the minutes from the Police Review Board meeting held on October 28 as presented.
- **Approval of Minutes – November Police Review Board Meeting**
MOTION: Board JoAnn Nau offered a motion, seconded by Board Member Jason Khoo and MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 5-0; Absent: 0) that the Police Review Board does hereby approve the minutes from the Police Review Board meeting held on November 18 as presented.
- **Public Comments**
Public Comments on any agenda items or subject matter within the scope of the Police Review Board. Please note: Individual audience participation is three minutes per speaker.

Chair Mayra Gomez clarified a few things about the public comment period. The board's role is to monitor the Department's review process, including for deadly force incidents, and to make recommendations about policy and procedure. However, the board does not do their own investigations, and they do not have authority to discipline officers.

The board is limited in what they can share about the details of specific cases, but OIR Group has access to those materials, and they report to them about their impressions of the process and concerns they may have.

Alyssa Guerrero provided instructions for members of the public to participate via Zoom.

After the board gets a private briefing, they will share what they can about the status of any pending complaints or inquiries during the public portion of the meeting.

Chair Mayra Gomez opened the public comment period.

Jonathan Hernandez, resident and council member of the City of Santa Ana expressed his frustration with how the City of Anaheim has handled the Brandon Lopez incident that took place in Santa Ana on December 28.

Bryan Kaye referenced the Brady Act and his interactions that he has had with the police. He also shared his opinion on the Mayor, the Police Review Board members and City staff.

Mark Greija shared his account of an alleged interaction with Anaheim Police officers on January 17. Mr. Greija claims that he has not received his personal property back after this incident. He asked the board for advice on how to get his property back. Lylyana Bogdanovich asked Mr. Greija to provide his contact information via email to prb@anaheim.net for a follow-up from APD.

Chair Mayra Gomez expressed her condolences to Council Member Jonathan Hernandez and the family of Brandon Lopez. Chair Gomez mentioned that the lead agency on the investigation is the Office of the Attorney General.

Presentation on Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) given by Lt. Christopher Moody as follows:

- The Anaheim Police Department is going through the process to become accredited by CALEA. CALEA is an independent, nonprofit accreditation agency for law enforcement agencies. Provides nationwide best practices.
- Being recognized by CALEA will mean modifying current policies to be compliant with CALEA standards. APD will need to provide proof of compliance.
- Timeline of the accreditation process is three years, preliminary Stage (education and roll-out)
- Receiving a CALEA certification would benefit the City by providing organizational accountability, improvements and networking.

The full presentation including the video recording is available at <http://www.anaheim.net/PRB>.

The Board asked a number of questions regarding the presentation.

Board Member Nau asked how many standards does CALEA currently enforces? Ms. Fonseca said that there are 180 standards. Board Member Nau also asked if there is a current count on how many APD policies would need to be revised. Lt. Moody answered that APD is still in the evaluation process. Lt. Moody added that most of APD's policies are already compliant with CALEA's standards. Board Member Nau asked for a summary on why being CALEA compliant is a benefit to Anaheim. Lt. Moody stated that it is important for the community that APD is held to a higher standard. He also mentioned that being CALEA certified could lead to additional grant funding.

Board Member Daisy Chavez asked for more information on how the CALEA accreditation would be maintained long-term. Will APD need to go through a review annually? Ms. Fonseca answered by saying that there are different timelines for standards. Some standards will need to be reviewed for compliance every 6 months, while others will be reviewed annually, etc. Lt. Moody added that the accreditation calls for a continuous evaluation process. As laws change, standards will also change.

Stephen Connolly asked Lt. Moody if CALEA puts an emphasis on oversight. Lt. Moody mentioned that the first part of the CALEA Accreditation process is an internal audit. The second part of the process calls for an audit done by an external party. Mr. Connolly also asked if the Police Review Board will be factored in during the process. Lt. Moody stated that yes, the Police Review Board will be factored in as a component of the totality of the organization. One of the main components of the audit will be related to Public Outreach.

Chair Mayra Gomez asked if CALEA accreditation can be revoked. Lt. Moody said, yes some agencies have lost CALEA accreditation in the past. Some agencies have also opted to withdraw from this program due to budgetary constraints.

Member Daisy Chavez asked if CALEA has people on their advisory board that fall outside of the scope of law enforcement. Lt. Moody said that the CALEA group consists of current and retired law enforcement professionals, as well as individuals that are not a part of law enforcement. CALEA is an international agency, with members in Mexico and Canada.

Chair Mayra Gomez thanked Lt. Moody and team for the presentation.

2021 NACOLE Conference, Presentation by Members Chavez and Khoo and Stephen Connolly as follows:

- The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference took place in Tucson Arizona from December 12 – 16, 2021. Stephen Connolly, Michael Gennaco and Members Khoo and Chavez attended.
- NACOLE is dedicated to promoting greater police accountability through the establishment or improvement of citizen oversight agencies by: organizing trainings, identifying best practices, encouraging networking and more.
- Member Khoo shared his experience at the conference including the different sessions attended.
- Sentinel Review Session: Member Khoo attended this session regarding the Seattle Police Department and their oversight board's experience with the 2020 protests.
- Sentinel Event Review: Significant "sentinel events" with negative outcomes are examined in a non-disciplinary setting for systemic root causes, in order to prevent recurrence. Implementable recommendations are defined for long-term change.
- Member Chavez also shared her experience at the conference. She noted that a big emphasis at the conference was a focus on community engagement and building relationships.
- Member Chavez also shared information she learned about creating an effective oversight board, including identifying challenges and opportunities early on, engaging stakeholders and making information accessible to the public.
- Member Chavez attended a workshop on Mental Health Critical Incident Response. She shared that Colorado has a model where mental health clinicians do not ride with officers and train officers to use more personal language with the public.
- She also shared some of her personal experiences with the police and mental health issues.
- Member Chavez shared the following questions to consider: Does the board want to invest in building on some of the things learned during the conference? How do we envision fostering relationships with the community? Are there ways that access to public information can be increased?

The full presentation including the video recording is available at <http://www.anaheim.net/PRB>.

The Board asked a number of questions regarding the presentation.

Chair Gomez thanked Members Khoo and Chavez for their presentation and participation in the conference. She apologized for having to leave the meeting early.

Member Nau expressed her appreciation for Member Chavez's presentation.

Member Khoo added that he would like the board to consider allowing a period for discussion after the public comment portion of board meetings.

Lylyana Bogdanovich proposed having a meeting to discuss next steps on recommendations. She also thanked Members Khoo and Chavez for participating. She also shared that she is working on BeWell OC, which is almost ready to be up and running. BeWell OC responders will be riding in vehicles, separate from police officers.

Member Khoo mentioned that he is very interested in continuing the conversation on BeWell OC and Mental Health response.

- **District 2 Appointment**

Lylyana Bogdanovich shared that the District 2 position for the Police Review Board is vacant. It is anticipated that a resident will be selected via lottery by the February meeting.

- **2022 Board Calendar**

Due to a Board Member conflict the February 24 meeting is tentatively moving to February 17. Lylyana Bogdanovich will confirm the date and reach out to the Board.

- **Board Comments**

Member Joann Nau mentioned that she has tried to spread the word about the District 2 vacancy.

Member Chavez asked if the City could consider creating a video to share on social media, promoting the District 2 vacancy and sharing more information about the Police Review Board.

Stephen Connolly shared that he thought the presentations were excellent. He believes that several ideas were shared that could be helpful to the Police Review Board.

Member Khoo thanked the City for providing free COVID testing at City Hall.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Lylyana Bogdanovich adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.