

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MILLER PARK PAVILION
1020 S. MORRIS AVE., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
THURSDAY, July 7, 2022, 3:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order 3:35 pm

2. Roll Call – Present: Commissioners, R. McFarland, A. Taylor, A. Farmer, S. Fish, J. Woodard, Staff: J. Jurgens, C. Wamsley, M. Hurt

Absent: Pastor Bennett

3. Public Comment: None

4. Approval of June Meeting Minutes Motion to approve: Mr. Taylor Second: Ms. Fish All in favor, motion passes.

5. Appeals: Discussion and Action on PSCRB Appeal Case No. 2021-R-03

Complainant was arrested in the Fall of 2021 for trespassing. However, the complaint states that as a student he had a right to be there. He was instructed by the officer to comply with the rules of Illinois Wesleyan University to either wear a mask or leave the premises. The complainant argued that it was his “constitutional right” not to wear a mask and that since he was a student he was also an “owner” of the property. When the student would not comply with the instruction to wear the mask or leave the premises, he was arrested for trespassing.

The complainant was convicted of trespassing on 5/9/2022. The complaint he filed against the police was for false arrest, when in fact he was arrested for trespassing. He claimed false arrest and asked that the issue to be reviewed by the PSCRB. The PSCRB is charged with reviewing the actions of the BPD in terms of whether any policy was violated while doing their due diligence looking into the complaint, and taking the appropriate subsequent action. His conviction substantiated the fact that the arrest was in order. The Board agreed that the complaint had no merit. Motion to approve: Ms. Fish. Second: Ms. McFarland.

6. Bi-annual review of citizen complaints (part III)

The Board reviewed the citizen complaints, none of which had been referred to the PSCRB at this time.

7. Update on Complaints Received (BPD)

a. Taser Report-Not available

8. General updates from BPD: 7 complaints filed as of July 1, 2022. Two complaints asking for PSCRB review but they are currently still under judicial review.

6296 calls for service in June of 2021

6515 calls for service in June of 2022

17 Use of force incidents which is .03% of total service calls for the month done w/o use of force.

Recruitment: Currently down 8 officers. Hoping to hire 7 individuals for the August 14th academy.

9. Youth Board Member Position Updates (Kimberly Howard and another unnamed female)

10. Future meeting dates, times, location, and topics

a. Next meeting: Regular meeting; Thursday, August 4th at 3:30pm, Miller Park Pavilion

11. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Taylor. Second: Ms. Fish. All in favor. Meeting adjourned-Art, S-Fish All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.