

The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

Commissioners Present: D. J. Obrien, J. Webb, K. Brown, F. Jalloh, & Q. Brown

Commissioners Absent: A. Marshall, C. Brown, T. Phillips, & N. Malpass

Staff Present:

Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator

Legal Department Present:

I. Call to Order:

Chair Jaye Webb called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.

II .Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the August minutes: Motion Maker: Commissioner K. Brown 2nd Commissioner F. Jalloh.

Motion passed unanimously

III. Code of Conduct/ Boards and Commissions Handbook

CJ Admin McNeil went over the code of conduct and the boards and commission's handbook. Each commissioner was sent a copy of the handbook and will need to sign an updated confidentiality agreement.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

V.A. Education and Outreach Subcommittee

The group will be working on planning another educational forum soon. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Beta Nu Zeta Chapter in Greensboro, NC, has reached out to collaborate on an educational forum. The commissioners agreed that they would partner with the group on a "Know your Rights forum." The education and outreach committee will meet with the members of the sorority to work out the details.

V.B. Policy Subcommittee:



The policy committee is gathering information to complete their recommendations on changes to the GPD's courtesy policy. The group is also working on a formal request for the GCJAC to access more information on complaints to conduct audits of the Professional Standards Division process.

IV. Additional Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Jalloh spoke about how well received the GCJAC annual report was well received by the community. Admin McNeil advised the group that copies of the "know your rights" brochure and annual report are available for whoever needs them.

Commissioner Q. Brown expressed that he was concerned that the PCRB had not seen any cases in a long time. Commissioner O'Brien expressed the same concern. C.J. Admin spoke to the group that multiple pathways to file complaints are available to the public. The GCJAC also has a survey online that tries to identify potential barriers to filing a complaint. Commissioner Q. Brown stated that he feels like the ownership of getting things reviewed should not be on the residents and that the option to have their complaints reviewed by PCRB should be simplified. Commission O'Brien stated that it is puzzling that the PCRB has fewer complaints now than it did 7 or 8 years ago when the public had less access and knowledge to how to complain. Commission Q. Brown spoke about the possibility of suppression of the complaints. Commissioner Jalloh echoed the sentiments of Commissioners Q. Brown and O'Brien's comments. Chair Webb stated that the issue is something that GCJAC should be looking into. ACM Davis responded to the group that state law might play a role in the reach of the GCJAC. Commissioner Q. Brown stated that the GJCAC should audit cases and that police should be responsible for handing out the information about the complaint process. When the police are interacting with residents, they should give information on complaints.

C.J. Admin stated that she would send the information to the group about how the public can access the complaint processes and the state laws.

V. Visitor Comments

Cynthia Coleman and Cedric Parker with the Greensboro African American Disparities- Law Enforcement justice and accountabilities subcommittee stated that she enjoyed the discussion this evening and would like two groups to partner in the future.

Motion Maker: F. Jalloh.

Second: Q. Brown

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

