



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission
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The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021 virtually via Zoom and was presented with a speaker.

Commissioners Present: J. Webb, K. Brown, T. Phillips, A. Marshall, N. Malpass, & F. Jalloh

Commissioners Absent: C. Brown, D. O'Brien, & Q. Brown

Staff Present: Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator, Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager,

Visitors: None

Legal Department Presents: Rosetta Davis

I. Call to Order:

Chair Jaye Webb called the meeting to order at 6:37pm

II. Moment of Silence:

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by T. Phillips second by N. Malpass.

VI. Commissioner Training & Retreat

Discussion held on annual retreat in January. The meeting will be virtual and will be

January 20, 2022 at 6pm. The meeting will be a chance for the group to discuss goals and plans for 2022.

VI. GCIAC memo to City Council, City leadership, GPD

The GCIAC sent a letter to the City Council, City Manager's Office, and Greensboro Police Department outlining a request to review GPD Professional Standards Division's external complaints. An executive board met with ACM Davis and GPD attorney A. Harrell on November 5, 2021, to discuss the memo. The body discussed the outcomes of the meeting. As a result, the police department agreed to have a letter written by the CJ Admin outlining the steps to file a complaint review with the PCRB. In addition, the CJ Admin would provide a more detailed report for the commission using the data provided by GPD professional standards.



Further, a discussion around the GCJAC being allowed to review random cases to determine if GPD professional standards are following their directives when reviewing cases. ACM Davis stated that having the GCJAC audit cases is outside the scope of work the commission was created to do. Commission Phillips noted that the group wanted to audit the cases produce a report of the findings. If discrepancies were found, the commission would inform ACM Davis. ACM Davis stated that the GCJAC would be outside of their duties by doing audits of GPD professional standards.

The discussion was continued as Commission Phillips reiterated that the GCJAC needed to review what GPD Professional standards are doing. He referenced a case where he felt professional standards overlooked items. ACM Davis stated again that the request is outside of the scope of what GCJAC was created to do.

CJ Admin advised the group that whatever changes would start at the end of the first quarter of 2022 and that the group had time to discuss the issues further. ACM Davis stated that the PCRB looks at cases based on requests from complaints so they can make recommendations because on what they see in those cases. However, allowing the GCJAC to randomly review cases that are not at the request of a complainant and make recommendations is outside the commission's scope.

Commissioner Malpass asked for clarity about the complaints that GCJAC would be able to review. CJ Admin stated that the GPD Professional Standards send a monthly spreadsheet that includes the incident date, complaint date, alleged directive violations, and the outcomes of the investigations. Discussion continued regarding giving GCJAC access to review random complaints in instances where a complainant did not come to the PCRB and ask for their determination from GPD Professional Stands. ACM Davis stated that the GCJAC would be outside their scope by performing this function. Commission Marshall commented that it sounds like the GCJAC is tasked with using the data received for a high-level view of complaints to identify trends. Attorney Davis stated that when the PCRB is reviewing cases and they see something they can report the information but they are not allowed to investigate the issues further. The legislation does not allow for the GCJAC to do a deep drive into reviewing cases.

Commissioner K. Brown stated that the policy subcommittee has held off the recommendations while this issue has been resolved, and she does not want the policy subcommittee to continue holding its recommendation if they can obtain data that can be used to inform the subcommittee to shape their recommendations. CJ Admin stated that the group currently has access to data that can be used to identify trends. She also told the group that a lot of the data is now available via the Open Portal Databases of the City of Greensboro website. Commissioner K. Brown asked if the group could receive training on navigating that system. She also asked for a process chart that identifies the steps used to get data and the expectation for recommendations

VII. Subcommittee Reports

Policy Subcommittee



The policy subcommittee has held its recommendations due to the discussions around case reviews. The group is looking to make more recommendations in 2022. They are also looking to partner more with community members in the future.

Education & Outreach

Commissioner Jalloh presented the report on the Education subcommittee; The group is planning a “Know your Right Forums” on December 2, 2021. The group is setting a meeting time that can accommodate everyone’s schedule. Chair Webb encouraged the body to get involved with the subcommittees to push things along.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Chair Webb spoke about an event he put together for residents in the 27406 zip code. The event was focused on how safe residents feel in their area. On a scale of 1-10, the group stated they were at a 4 in terms of feeling safe in their neighborhoods. They also said they would like to see more police in their area. Chair Webb encouraged the rest of the group to get out into their communities and see what the needs of the community are and bring the information back to the GCJAC,

CJ Admin spoke to the group and challenged them to have the GCJAC literature on hand to give to the public at all times. She also pointed out that they are the best advertisements to inform residents on how to file complaints.

Commissioner Malpass asked about the response time data for the police department. CJ Admin stated that she received the information and would send it out to the group.

Organizations. Discuss was held on the importance of engaging the young people in the community. Commissioner K. Brown asked if the group could receive a Google Drive folder as a space to keep up with all the data and another request.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

