

**Community Review Board on Police Practices** 

## **Rules Committee Meeting Minutes**

## Tuesday, July 26, 2019 9:30 a.m. Civic Center Plaza Building (CCP) 1200 Third Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Suite 924 - Large Conference Room San Diego, CA 92101

Present: Committee Chair Doug Case, Committee Members: Diana Dent, Ramon Montano, Nancy Vaughn, Marty Workman, CRB Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley, Internal Affairs Captain Wes Morris, CRB Outside Counsel Christina Cameron, POA President Jack Schaeffer, POA Attorney Brad Fields

Absent: Chair Joe Craver and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Taura Gentry

- I. Welcome/Call to Order: Committee Chair Doug Case called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from May 13, 2019 Motion by Nancy Vaughn to approve the May 13, 2019 Rules Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Diana Dent. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0

Yays: Committee Chair Doug Case, Diana Dent, Nancy Vaughn, Ramon Montano, and Marty Workman

Nays: None

**Abstentions: None** 

Absent: Chair Joe Craver and Taura Gentry

- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. New Business (Discussion/Action Item)
  - 1) Potential Elements for Public Case Summaries Committee Chair Case provided the Committee with the background on this item. The Committee want to include redacted case summaries in the Board's semi-annual reports and make available to the public. The Committee drafted and discussion several variations of a fictitious case report. This version is much longer than a normal case summary because all the possible elements were included such as disagreement, rationale



for the disagreement, comment, referral to the Mayor, and the decision from the Mayor.

Committee Chair Case opened it up for discussion. Nancy Vaughn stated that she was okay with the draft. Internal Affairs Captain Wes Morris stated that he has concerns because there is so much information in the draft. The biggest concern is how much information and detail exists in the draft that could be traced back to the officer or the complainant. He would have to look at each individual case to make sure that it is okay. Captain Morris highlighted the race of the individual as problematic. CRB Outside Counsel Christina Cameron agreed with Captain Morris' concern. She added that she was also concerned that the draft summary stated that the person graduated two years ago, and the incident happened in daylight hours. Consider saying the person previously graduated and materials that were used in reviewing the case.

The Chair, Executive Director, and CRB Outside Counsel will look at the summaries prior to the summaries going into the reports.

POA shares some of the concerns raised by Captain Morris. They are glad to see the sample drafts. The Committee want to include POA in these discussions to make sure everyone there are no issues down the line.

Committee Chair Doug Case and Nancy Vaughn agreed to draft a short version to bring to the Board for discussion. Based on Board feedback, the short version will be revised and sent back to the Committee.

2) Proposed Revision to CRB Administrative Standing Rule on CRB Case Report & Presentation: Titles for non-SDPD individuals

Committee Chair Case reported that the Board discussed this item in an Open Meeting. The Board want to include a gender-neutral title in its case reports in addition to referring to complainants and witnesses using professional titles that would include "doctor" and "reverend". This is important to the Board because the Board currently refer to officers using the "officer" title in case reports. recommended that Ms. Vaughn add to the section additional titles such as "Doctor" or "Reverend."

Committee Chair Case further reported that "Mx" is now used for genderneutral titles for people who do not identify as male or female. He suggests that the Committee include "Mx" in the Administrative Standing Rule. After "Mrs. for women", include "and Mx for individuals who identify as non-binary."

Outside Counsel Cameron suggested that the Committee consider using "and where appropriate, gender-neutral title "Mx" can be used.



Nancy Vaughn moved for the Committee to accept the changes to this rule. Ramon Montano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Yays: Committee Chair Doug Case, Diana Dent, Nancy Vaughn, Ramon Montano, and Marty Workman

Nays: None

**Abstentions: None** 

Absent: Chair Joe Craver and Taura Gentry

- V. Date of Next Meeting: The Committee agreed to wait until after the Board's Open Meeting in August to schedule its next meeting.
- VI. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.



## Change to Admin Standing Rule: Format and Presentation, Section 1.b, Face Sheet:

...date of hire may also be shown.

Persons who are mentioned in the body of the CRB Case Review Report should be listed. Persons who are not mentioned in the body of the CRB Case Review Report should not be listed. The relationship information for witnesses (e.g., Complainant's son, Neighbor, etc.) should be added if available.

Reference to every person should use a title followed by the person's last name in all CAPITAL LETTERS. In the case of multiple persons with the same last name, an initial can be inserted before the last name, or the first names can be used if appropriate. Titles for SDPD officers should reflect that officer's rank on the date of the incident (not the rank at the time of this investigation). Titles for non-SDPD persons should be appropriate for status and gender; use Mr. for men and Miss, Ms or Mrs. for women and where appropriate gender-neutral term Mx. can be used. Examples of SDPD officer names would be "Officer SMITH" or Sgt. MILLER; examples of non-SDPD names would be "Mr. BROWN, Ms GRANDE, Mrs. P. BROWN, Miss S. BROWN or Mx. JONES. Other titles, such as professional or military titles (e.g., Dr., Rev., Capt., etc.) are also appropriate.

## c. Allegation Table...