

Independent Community Policing Review Board
February 5th, 2025, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
City Council Workroom, City Hall

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Christopher Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Board members present:

Darrlynn Franklin, Secretary
Christopher Lewis, Chair
Ingris Moran
Jean O'Toole
Deborah Porter
Alexis Stackhouse, Vice Chair

City Staff present:

Ameratu Kamara, Investigative & Policy Analyst
Meghan Roberts, Deputy City Attorney
Robert Porter, Assistant City Attorney

2. Introduction (Read by Chair, Christopher Lewis)

The Independent Community Policing Review Board (ICPRB) was established by the Alexandria City Council via unanimously adopted Resolution 2950 on June 9, 2020, which condemned police brutality and systemic racism; reaffirmed that Black Lives Matter; and stated Council's intent to establish a community policing review board in our City. The resolution also affirmed that the City of Alexandria and all government officials have a duty to ensure the protection of all communities through actions and reform, including in the justice system. After careful consideration, at its public hearing on April 17, 2021, the City Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance establishing the structure of a new Independent Community Policing Review Board, to be effective as of July 1, 2021, along with its authorizing state law. The City Council also established the Office of the Alexandria Independent Policing Auditor (AIPA).

3. Board's Purpose (Read by Chair, Christopher Lewis)

The Independent Community Policing Review Board is an eight-member board whose purpose is to enhance policing legitimacy and to increase and maintain trust between and among the police department, city council, city manager and the public. The board shall provide timely, fair and objective review of administrative investigations conducted by the Independent Policing Auditor and Alexandria Police Department (APD) as well as the Independent Policing Auditor's evaluation of policing policies,

practices, procedures, and outcomes in Alexandria. The Board shall also recommend meaningful assessments and corrective recommendations intended to remedy discriminatory practices, including racial and social inequities; ensure the protection of all communities through recommended actions and reform, including in the criminal justice system; and recommend strategies for effectively implementing these reforms in our community.

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Member, Moran, seconded by Member Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the agenda without reading the Introduction or Board's Purpose. Opposed, none.

5. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2025.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Member Moran, seconded by Member Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for January 27th, 2025.

6. Public Comments.

No public comments.

7. Interim Independent Policing Auditor provided an update regarding the January 25th, 2025, Public Hearing and the proposed ordinance changes as well as next steps.

The Interim Independent Policing Auditor advised that City Council voted to form a 2-person subcommittee of City Council Members to discuss and resolve the issues with the proposed ordinance changes brought forth at the Public Hearing. The ICPRB was informed of how the subcommittee will operate and outlined the plan for it not to include APD, ICPRB, etc. unlike the Ad-Hoc Committee approach. Further updates will be provided as they are provided to AIPA staff.

8. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Scheduling.

- ✓ Confirm future meeting dates:
 - January 25th, City Council Public Hearing on 1st Reading of Proposed Ordinance Changes
 - February 1st, Alfred Street Baptist Church Social Justice Ministry community listening session
 - February 5th, Monthly Board Meeting
 - March 5th, Monthly Board Meeting

9. Announcements.

Reminders:

- ✓ 2 vacant Board seats to be filled.
- ✓ Security Awareness Training must be completed quarterly. Some Board members are still past due for Security Awareness Training.
- ✓ Submit CY2024 Training Attestation forms if not yet done so.

Check your city MS Outlook calendar regularly for updates regarding upcoming related community engagement activities.

10. Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Porter, the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Opposed, none.

The meeting concluded at 7:29 PM.

Thank you for viewing and attending the Independent Community Policing Review Board's meeting today. Remember, the Board is here to help you address any concerns you have regarding interaction with an Alexandria Police Department employee. While our primary purpose is to review investigations of misconduct by APD, even if your concern does not fall within our purview, the Independent Community Policing Review Board will collaborate with the Independent Policing Auditor to address your concerns or commendations with APD.

Our Board meetings are open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend.