

Independent Community Policing Review Board
April 2, 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 7:03 PM.

Board members present:

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

City Staff present:

Ameratu Kamara, Interim Independent Police Auditor/Director
Ashley Kollmorgen, Management Analyst
Meghan Roberts, Deputy City Attorney
Robert Porter, Assistant City Attorney

2. Introduction (Read by Jeanne O'Toole)

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 Jeanne O'Toole)

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 Vice Chair, Stackhouse, seconded by Member Moran, the Board unanimously approved the agenda. Opposed, none.

5. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2025.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Vice Chair, Stackhouse, seconded by Member Moran, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for March 5th, 2025.

6. Public Comments.

No public comments.

7. The Independent Policing Auditor along with the Deputy City Attorney will provide an update regarding the City Council Subcommittee on Civilian Oversight, proposed ordinance changes, and the upcoming City Council dates for the first reading and final passage.

Ameratu Kamara and Meghan Roberts provided a detailed overview regarding the proposed ordinance changes being recommended by the City Council subcommittee as part of the City Council Legislative Meeting Docket for first reading on April 22, 2025, and presented for public hearing on April 26th, 2025, for final passage. Board members were able to ask questions and review the subpoena duces tecum FAQs as well as the complaint investigation flowchart that is to be included in the docket package for City Council.

8. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Scheduling.

- ✓ Confirm future meeting dates:
 - April 5th, 2025, Community Listening Session, Alfred Street Baptist Church 1:00 PM
 - April 30th, 2025, Community Cook Out – Mt. Vernon Rec Center
 - May 7th, 2025, Monthly Board Meeting
 - May 7th, 2025, Community Cook Out – Princess Square
 - May 10th, 2025, City of Alexandria Eco-Festival 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - May 14th, 2025, Community Cook Out – Booth Park
 - June 4th, 2025, 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.

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 8:13 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.