

**Athens-Clarke County Unified Government  
Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Name:** Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board Meeting

**Meeting Date:** 03/15/23

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:34 PM

**Location:** City Hall, Room 301

**Virtual?** No **Public Input Requested or Received?** No

**Voting Member Attendees:**

<b>X</b>	Cassie Evans	<b>X</b>	Kiana Sims	<b>X</b>	Timothy Pierce-Tomlin (virtually)
<b>X</b>	Sarah Halstead	<b>X</b>	Felix Bell	<b>X</b>	Lane Pratt
<b>X</b>	Devante Jones	<b>X</b>	Jocelyn Crumpton	<b>X</b>	Omar Reid

**Voting Members Leaving Before End of Meeting & Time of Departure (if applicable):**

Devante Jones arrived at 5:42pm

**Staff / Ex-Officio Attendees:**

<b>X</b>	Commissioner Dexter Fisher	<b>X</b>	Sherrie Hines		Warden Covington
	Chief Jerry Saulters	<b>X</b>	Josh Edwards		
<b>X</b>	Chief Mark Pulliam		Sheriff Williams		

Other participants present:

Deputy Chief Harrison Daniel representing ACCPD

Deputy Chief Chris Fogal from Probation

**Items Discussed:**

1. Chair Evans opened the meeting
2. Minutes:

- a. Edwards-be sure to add suggestions in 02.22.23 minutes regarding adding new documents to Board meetings without adding it to the agenda first. Also suggested that all documents are sent to all Board members, regardless of voting ability

### 3. Announcements and Updates

- a. Chair wants to schedule a meeting with Mayor to review ACRB presentation and concerns
- b. Communication with various law enforcement agency about complaint process and data surrounding complaints

### 4. Review/Finalize Resolution of PSCOB (“The Resolution”)

- a. Hines: codes sent were given before she was able to fully read the document. The codes she sent are not applicable at this time for The Resolution
  - i. Hines: Gave clarity to conflict of interest code and how it’s not applicable to this situation
    - 1. Probation is not under City Manager’s office, therefore not conflict of interest
    - 2. Task Force had someone who was currently on family violence charges and task force felt like it was important to have that perspective
- b. Edwards: If the board votes on The Resolution, doesn’t mean it’ll get on the Mayor’s agenda
  - i. Concerns about PSCOB’s comments on the make up of GOC. Not in the ordinance.
- c. Board discusses logistics of The Resolution narrative
  - i. Pierce-Tomlin: make it a call to change instead of a request. Make it more of an emotional plea than a logical one

1. Resolutions need to be pointed and short. Dissenting opinion can be the emotional plea
- ii. Timeline of distribution of The Resolution: Boards normally don't submit resolutions. Typically comes from the Commission. Can be sent to the Mayor, but more of a letter, than a resolution.
- iii. Commission Defined Option (CDO)– Commissioner can petition a different opinion for what GOC decides

## 5. Review/Finalize Dissenting Opinion

### a. Discussion

- i. Harrison: Clarification→ GBI investigated the fatalities and submitted them to the DA's office. Then the DA's office reviewed information given to them. All interactions involved a deadly weapon. All officers were cleared of wrongdoing.

## 6. Debrief

### **Votes Taken with Motion / Second / Results (Unanimous or Number of Yes / No Votes and names) (if applicable):**

- Felix Bell motioned to amend 02.22.2023 minutes to include Edward's suggestions. Lane Pratt seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- Felix Bell motioned to approve 02.22.2023 minutes. Kiana Sims seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- Felix Bell motion to approve Resolution. Timothy Pierce-Tomlin seconded. Motion passed with seven votes in favor and one abstained.
- Kiana Sims motioned to approve dissenting opinion with addition of contact info for District 2 Commission. Lane Pratt seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion to Adjourn made by:** Lane Pratt

Seconded by: Sarah Halstead

Result: Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:32 PM

**Minutes Drafted By:** *Jocelyn Crumpton*