

City of Denton Police Department Chief of Police Advisory Board Minutes February 23, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the Chief of Police Advisory Board convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:09 pm in Classroom C of the Public Safety Training Center at 719 E. Hickory Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Rhonda Buckley, Daniel Clanton, Sara Hensley, Cherlynn Hurd, Kari Salyers, Trevor Taylor, and Donald Thornton.

Ex-Officio Members: Brock Fischer, Kim Kunz, and Nicole Shaw.

ABSENT: Katina Butler, Jill Jester, Kristen Johnson, and Priscilla Yeverino.

Ex-Officio: Samuel Garrison and Ed Reynolds.

Also present were Chief Frank Dixon, Assistant Chief Bobby Smith, Deputy Chief Rachel Fleming, Deputy Chief Michael Rose, Compliance and Accreditation Specialist Richard Williams, Public Information Officer Amy Cunningham, Internal Affairs Detective Jerrett Klar, Internal Affairs Detective Chante Wallace, Senior Executive Assistant Robin Fox, and Deputy City Attorney Michael Cronig.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. DPD22-004 Consider approval of the November 17, 2021 minutes.

Daniel Clanton moved to approve the minutes. Rhonda Buckley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. *DPD22-005* Receive a presentation and discuss a Denton Police Department Internal Affairs Case Study.

Chief Bobby Smith gave a presentation on an Internal Affairs Case Study. Various questions were asked including the following:

Board Member Thornton asked if there was a statute of limitation on the case and if other police departments could hire him? Chief Dixon responded yes, they could; and that there are no prohibitions keeping another department from hiring him.

Mike Cronig stated that legislation had recently passed requiring departments to do background investigations.

Chief Smith stated that their license would have to be revoked to keep them from being a peace officer.

Board Member Buckley asked what constitutes someone losing their license? Chief Smith responded that the officer would have to have a criminal conviction.

Board Member Brock stated that in reading through the case he could tell how extensively the department put the information together and that it was very impressive.

C. DPD22-006 Review and discuss the proposed agenda for the next meeting.

The Board discussed the proposed 2022 meeting schedule and possible topics.

Board Member Donald Thornton requested a Q&A session on Fair and Impartial Policing to delve a little deeper into the psychological aspects. Deputy Chief Rose will prepare an overview to send to Board members so they can have questions ready.

Vice-Chair Salyers asked if anyone else had other topics they wanted to add to the May 25 agenda or future agendas. Board Member Thornton asked if Ride Alongs were going to be rescheduled? Chief Dixon responded that the City's emergency order runs through the end of March, but that members are welcome to do it before then; they will have to wear a mask.

Vice-Chair Salyers stated that the Board is nearing two years and terms should be discussed. She feels like they're not quite sure where they fit in the grand scheme of things. Chief Dixon responded that one thing they could do is give him any recommendations they may have regarding improvements, or if they think something is lacking.

Robin Fox asked that any topics for August meeting be sent to her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Vice Chair, Kari Salyers