



Providence External Review Authority (PERA)

Regular Meeting

~ Meeting Minutes ~

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Providence External Review Authority

PRESENT: Chairman Nicholas Figueroa; Vice-Chairman Machiste Rankin; Phanida Phivilay Bessette; Susan DeRita; Elise Swearingen and Deborah Wray –

6.

ABSENT: Kenneth Cohen; Kimberly Dy and Michael Fontaine – 3.

Also present are Steve Nelson, Law Department; Jose Batista, Executive Director, Providence External Review Authority; Eugene Monteiro; Shawn Selleck, City Clerk and Jennifer L. Emidy, Assistant Clerk.

(Subsequently, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Fontaine join the meeting.)

1. **Call to Order and Updates from the Board Chair.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter and no vote was taken.

2. **Vote to Approve January Meeting Minutes.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Wray
SECONDER:	Ms. DeRita
AYES:	Chairman Figueroa, Vice-Chairman Rankin, Ms. Bessette, Mr. Cohen, Ms. DeRita, Mr. Fontaine, Ms. Swearingen and Ms. Wray – 8.
ABSENT:	Ms. Dy – 1.

3. **Executive Director Report.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter and no vote was taken.

4. **Discussion relative to CCSU Traffic Stop research. a. What is the role of PERA after research is published?**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter and no vote was taken.

5. **Discussion relative to PERA Investigative and Mediation Procedures.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter and no vote was taken.

Motion to amend the agenda to allow for public comment.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. DeRita
SECONDER:	Mr. Fontaine
AYES:	Chairman Figueroa, Vice-Chairman Rankin, Ms. Bessette, Mr. Cohen, Ms. DeRita, Mr. Fontaine, Ms. Swearingen and Ms. Wray – 8.
ABSENT:	Ms. Dy – 1.

Public Comment was heard.

6. **Discussion and vote regarding formal complaint(s) received by PERA (The PERA will go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4 and Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) and (a)(4)).**

Chairman Figueroa moves to go into Executive Session.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Chairman Figueroa, Vice-Chairman Rankin, Ms. Bessette, Mr. Cohen, Ms. DeRita, Mr. Fontaine, Ms. Swearingen and Ms. Wray – 8.
ABSENT:	Ms. Dy – 1.

Motion to reconvene in Open Session.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ms. Bessette
SECONDER: Vice-Chairman Rankin
AYES: Chairman Figueroa, Vice-Chairman Rankin, Ms. Bessette, Mr. Cohen, Ms. DeRita, Mr. Fontaine, Ms. Swearingen and Ms. Wray – 8.
ABSENT: Ms. Dy – 1.

Motion to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session.

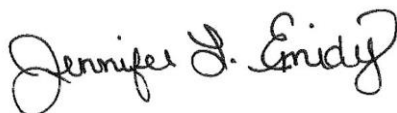
RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Vice-Chairman Rankin
SECONDER: Ms. DeRita
AYES: Chairman Figueroa, Vice-Chairman Rankin, Ms. Bessette, Mr. Cohen, Ms. DeRita, Mr. Fontaine, Ms. Swearingen and Ms. Wray – 8.
ABSENT: Ms. Dy – 1.

CHAIRMAN FIGUEROA: We have voted on complaint 2019-023, we voted to dismiss; we voted on 2019-024, we voted to investigate; we voted on 2020-001, we voted to dismiss; we voted on 2020-002, we voted to dismiss; we voted on 2020-003, we voted to head to mediation; and lastly, we voted on 2020-004, and we voted to investigate.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Rankin, Seconded by Mr. Cohen, it is voted to adjourn the meeting.



City Clerk



Assistant Clerk