

**CITY OF COCOA
COCOA POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 24, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Cocoa Police Community Relations Advisory Committee was held on March 24, 2022 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Edmond called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M

Chairperson Edmond led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Committee Member Boettjer provided the invocation.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Alton Edmond	Chairperson
	Al Boettjer	Committee Member
	Aldon Bookhardt	Committee Member
	Michael Klug	Committee Member
	Demetrius Thomas	Committee Member
	Kathy Hamilton-Brown	Committee Member
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Alton Edmond	Chairperson
	Al Boettjer	Committee Member
	Aldon Bookhardt	Committee Member
	Michael Klug	Committee Member
	Demetrius Thomas	Committee Member
	Kathy Hamilton-Brown	Committee Member

<u>ABSENT:</u>	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
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STAFF PRESENT:

Lorraine Koss,; Evander Collier IV, Chief of Police; Pat Dovale, Commander; Chris Bradshaw, Sargent, Mike Dellatorre, Lieutenant; Chris Hattaway, Officer

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

AGENDA: REGUALR MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2022:

- **MOTION by Committee Member Boettjer; SECONDED by Committee Member Klug to approve the agenda from the regular meeting of March 24, 2022.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MINUTES: REGUALR MEETING OF February 11, 2021:

- **MOTION by Committee Member Boettjer; SECONDED by Committee Member Klug to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 11, 2021.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

III. ELECT NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR :

- **New Chairman: MOTION by Committee Member Boettjer; to elect Alton Edmond, SECOND by Committee Member Klug**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

- **New Vice Chairman: MOTION BY Committee Member Hamilton-Brown to elect Al Boettjer, SECOND by Chairman Edmond**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

IV. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF CLOSED CITIZEN COMPLAINT CASES:

Chairman Edmond allowed an opportunity from anyone in the public to voice their opinion.

Chairman Edmond 21-07-CC and 21-09-CC that in the 2 cases there was retraining. This helps the young and up coming officers to be better at their jobs. Also builds trust between officers and the community.

Chairman Edmond asked for any discussion on **21-05-CC**.

Vice Chairman Boettjer to Approve and that the incident didn't occur. More discussion by Chairman Edmond.

Chairman Edmond discussion about **21-06-CC**.

Vice Chairman Boettjer stated that the body cams show that the incident was unfounded.

Chairman Edmond stated there was an opportunity for the complainant to follow up and chose not to.

Chairman Edmond discussion about **21-07-CC**.

Chairman Edmond stated he appreciated the teachable moment for Officer McNamara from command staff at Cocoa PD. No ticket was given.

Chairman Edmond discussion about **21-08-CC**.

Committee Member Bookhardt asked what does weapons ready mean?

Commander Dovale explained to the committee that it means the officer can have his weapon out and it is not considered a use of force. When the officer brings it up and points it at the person then it is considered to be a use of force. More discussion about the incident.

Chairman Edmond discussion about **21-09-CC**.

Committee Member Bookhardt asked when is it appropriate to turn off body cams. The officer did not have his body cam on in the lobby.

Commander Dovale explained there is not a policy for every exact situation. Went over training for anger management and how long it could take with schedules and places offering the training.

Chief Collier stated the goal is to get the training sooner than later if possible and the documents are put into the individuals file so if anything comes up later it is there. More discussion between the Committee members and staff.

Chairman Edmond discussion about **21-12-CC**.

Chairman Edmonds thought that it was great that the officer apologized to the complainant to deescalate the situation and the complainant also apologized. Good training.

Chairman Edmond discussion about **21-14-CC**.

Commander Dovale reminded Chairman Edmond that there wasn't a camera to identify who was at fault. The driver located a camera at another business showing that she wasn't at fault of the accident.

Chairman Edmond discussion about **21-15-CC**.

No discussion.

Chairman Edmond discussion about 21-17-CC.

Vice Chairman Boettjer asked about traffic stops and Officer Leitch.

Chairman Edmond discussion about 21-18-CC.

Committee Member Boettjer asked why unfounded was stricken and exonerated was hand written initials. **Commander Dovale** stated that was his report and put the wrong finding so he corrected and initialed. **Committee Member Bookhardt** stated that Ms. Williams did not give the officer permission to come into her home yet he is exonerated. **Commander Dovale** stated she came to the PD and there is body cam showing she allowed them to enter and they find the firearm in the house.

Chairman Edmond stated that the request for body cam video had been discussed at a previous meeting. **Chairman Edmond and Committee Member Bookhardt** would like to see the body cam video. **Commander Dovale** went over the process for seeing body cam video.

Chairman Edmond discussion about 21-19-CC.

Vice Chairman Boettjer asked for an overview on the case from Commander Dovale. **Commander Dovale** family was saying the kids were being targeted. **Lt. Ondo** did the inquiry. Police officers came in contact with Mr. Johnson several times. **Chief Collier** stated that it was different violations and different officers. **Chairman Edmonds** commented that the Police Department if they pull the person over if the stop is valid than it is legal. Mr. Johnson Sr. was offered to look at the video and turned it down. **Chairman and Vice Chairman** stated that they did not see any harassment. Agreement unfounded.

Alex Greenwood Case requested to be heard.

Vice Chairman Boettjer nothing came of the case about Mr. Greenwood and tenant's dog. **Commander Dovale** said Mr. Greenwood was present and would like to speak. Alex Greenwood gave an overview of his case. Mr. Greenwood was asking for an administrative expungement. More discussion between the committee members and Mr. Greenwood. **Chairman Edmond** stated that they don't have the authority to dismiss or have the case expunged. **Police Chief Collier** said he spoke with Mr. Greenwood when he first started. He explained that he would need to contact an attorney and they would explain how to get the case expunged.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Chairperson Edmond opened the floor to Citizens for open discussion.

Citizen spoke and participated in the open discussion with The Police Advisory Board.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday, May 26, 2022

VII. ADJOURMENT:

With no further business to discuss, the Police Advisory Committee Meeting of March 24, 2022 was adjourned.

- **MOTION by Vice Chairman Boettjer; SECONDED by Committee Member Klug to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2022.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Vice Chairman Boettjer mentioned in the motion. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.