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Civilian Police Review Board

City of Hartford
550 Main Street
3rd floor (Large Conference Room)
Hartford, CT 06103

Minutes of November 18, 2008 Meeting - 6:04 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Jeffrey Zyjeski (Chair), Commissioner Walter Butler, Commissioner Sylvia Vargas, Commissioner Jennifer Stephens, Commissioner Gregory Brown, Commissioner Melvin Crockett, Commissioner Anna Stephenson, Commissioner Joan Gallagher, Lieutenant Paul Ciesinski, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Attorney Jonathan Beamon, Rubye Stevenson, Betty Fair, Brian Steinberg- Members of the Connecticut Communist Party-USA, Kimberly Taylor, staff personnel- Human Relations Office.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Commissioner Jeffrey Zyjeski, (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.
- 2) **Corporation Counsel:** Attorney Beamon indicated Large Conference room located on the 3rd floor in City Hall will not be renovated and the Board may continue to use the room for their monthly meetings.
- 3) **Old Business:** (a) Motion made by Commissioner Walter Butler, and seconded by Commissioner Melvin Crockett to accept the October 21, minutes. Vote was unanimous to accept the October 21, 2008 minutes.
(x) Old Business cases that were tabled.
- 4) **New Business:** See grid below.

Old Business	IAD No.	Complainant	CPRB Vote	Case Discussion	Member that Abstained
x	07-080	Frank Bell	Not Sustained	Lt. Paul Ciesinski Sylvia Vargas	Melvin Crockett Anna Stephenson
x	07-084	Pedro Nieves	Exonerated	Gregory Brown Melvin Crockett Joan Gallagher Jennifer Stephens Sylvia Vargas Jeffrey Zyjeski	Jennifer Stephens Anna Stephenson
x	07-086	Raynette Little	Not Sustained	Gregory Brown Walter Butler	Melvin Crockett
x	07-087	Angela Bragg	Not Sustained	Melvin Crockett Joan Gallagher Jeffrey Zyjeski	Anna Stephenson
x	07-088	Barry Baker	Not Sustained	Gregory Brown Walter Butler Lt. Paul Ciesinski	Melvin Crockett
x	07-089	Angie Sutton	Partially Sustained	Walter Bulter Lt. Paul Ciesinski Jennifer Stephens Sylvia Vargas	Melvin Crockett Anna Stephenson

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- 5) **Public Comments/Concerns**: Comments from the public were taken. Mr. Brian Steinberg from the Connecticut Communist Party, USA stated that it is very important to identify “Unknown Officers”. Mr. Steinberg made it clear that the complaints that have identified “Unknown Officers” should be taken very seriously by the Board and all avenues to attempt to indentify the officer should be made.
- 6) **Board Member’s Comments/Concerns**: The Chair, Jeffrey Zyjeski would like to brainstorm with the Office of Human Relations staff to get ideas on how to tackle the “backlog” so that the cases “pending board action” can be reduced. The Chair also welcomed any ideas that his fellow board members may have.
- 7) **Announcement**: Reminder that the next meeting will be held on December 16, 2008 in the Large Conference room located on the 3rd floor in City Hall.
- 8) **Adjournment**: Motion was made to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. by Commissioner Sylvia Vargas; Commissioner Walter Butler seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly D. Taylor
Administrative Assistant