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August 10, 2022

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CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING  
August 10, 2022  
4:09 p.m.

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and  
100 Church Street, 10th Floor  
New York, New York

B E F O R E :  
ARVA RICE, INTERIM CHAIR  
JONATHAN DARCHE, ESQ., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes
3. Report from the Chair
4. Report from the Executive Director
5. Presentation from Outreach on CCRB
6. Public Comment
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjourn to Executive Session

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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- 1. Arva Rice, Interim Board Chair
- 2. Joseph A. Puma, Board Member
- 3. Corrine Irish, Board Member
- 4. Herman Merritt, Board Member
- 5. Michael Rivadeneyra, Esq., Board Member
- 6. AU Hogan, Board Member
- 7. Erica Bond, Board Member
- 8. John Siegal, Esq, Board Member
- 9. Willie Freeman, Board Member

Presenters:

Jahi Rose - Director of Outreach  
New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

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Speakers:

Keita Malick - Community Member

Guy Fisher - Community Member

Ellen Trawick - Community Member

Andrew Wilson - Community Member

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MS. ALVAREZ: Good evening, everyone. For those that are utilizing ASL interpreters this evening, today we are joined by Allison Zilg and Michael Barrios. If you're utilizing video, you can pin their video and instructions will be in the chat.

Thank you.

CHAIR RICE: Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome. My name is Arva Rice. I use she/her, and I am interim chair of the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

I would like to call the CCRB's August public meeting to order.

Would the rest of the Board members like to introduce themselves, starting with --

MR. PUMA: Good afternoon. My name is Joseph Puma. I'm the Manhattan City Council designee to the Board, and I live in the Lower East Side. And I go by he/him pronouns

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MS. IRISH: My name is Corrine Irish. I am a mayoral appointee, and live in Harlem.

MR. MERRITT: Hi, my name is Herman Merritt. I am a Brooklyn City Council appointee, and my pronouns are he/him.

MR. RIVADENEYRA: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Michael Rivadeneyra. I am a City Council designee hailing from the Bronx. And my pronouns are he/him.

MR. HOGAN: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Au Hogan. I'm a Council appointee from Queens, South Jamaica.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you. And can -- if we can have those folks who are joining us virtually, starting with Erica, introduce yourself, please.

MS. BOND: Good afternoon, all. My name is Erica Bond. I'm a mayoral appointee, and I live in Brooklyn.

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She/her pronouns.

CHAIR RICE: Siegal, can you hear us?

MR. SIEGAL: Yes. Hi, Arva.

John Siegal, I'm the mayoral appointee. I'm out of town, and so appearing virtually for this meeting.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you. Mr. Freeman. Willie, I believe you're muted. Can you try again?

MR. FREEMAN: My name is Willie Freeman, Police Commissioner Designee.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

I do not believe we have a quorum to approve the minutes, so if we do, I will come back to it.

This summer, the CCRB has been lucky enough to host 13 interns from the Summer Youth Employment Program, SYEP, partnered with a variety of programs, to connect students to City agencies. Including the Department of Youth and Community Development's Ladders for Leaders program which

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2 focuses on increasing access to  
3 internships and mentorships, and the  
4 Manhattan Transition and College  
5 Center, which supports students  
6 transitioning out of high school.

7 This summer is the Agency's  
8 busiest time of year. And the interns  
9 have been instrumental in helping our  
10 Outreach Team connect with the  
11 community. Just in the last month,  
12 the Outreach Team has participated in  
13 over 60 events and presentations.

14 One of the biggest projects the  
15 interns worked on was the CCRB's  
16 partnership with Breaking Ground.  
17 Breaking Ground, the non-profit  
18 organization that provides programs  
19 and services for those experiencing  
20 street homelessness through the CCRB's  
21 block-by-block program, whose outreach  
22 coordinators canvass neighborhoods  
23 throughout the City. The Outreach  
24 Team noted the vast needs of people  
25 experiencing street homelessness that



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were not being met.

Led by Outreach Director Jahi Rose, the Outreach Team partnered with Breaking Ground to inform these New Yorkers about their rights when interacting with police officers. And started an agency-wide drive to collect essential hygienic products to help Breaking Ground with their efforts.

Thank you to all the CCRB employees who were part of this effort and to the interns who have worked incredibly hard this summer.

I also want to highlight our Civilian Assistance Unit, a team that provides critical trauma informed support for victims who have filed complaints with the CCRB.

The CAU has just received a \$500,000 grant, funded by the Federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984, to be used over the next three years.

This will effectively double the

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size of the CAU, placing an increased focus on the mental health and well-being of civilians navigating the CCRB complaint process.

The Agency hopes CAU can continue to grow, so CCRB can better serve all victims of police misconduct.

Before passing to Executive Director Jon Darche, I would like to inform any Board members who wish to discuss the proposed rule changes may do so when we bring up old business from the July Board meeting. Thank you.

Jon.

MR. DARCHE: Thank you, Chair Rice. I want to apologize for not being there in person today, but I have been testing positive for COVID.

The CCRB is looking to hire qualified investigators. To bring in the best talent, we will now be hosting monthly information sessions

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for prospective employees on how to apply, prepare for an interview, and just general career guidance about working at the CCRB. The next information session will take place next Wednesday, August 17th at 5:00 p.m. It will be on Webex. To register for the event, please e-mail careers@ccrb.nyc.gov.

The Administrative Prosecution Unit is also hiring. The APU is one of the CCRB's core teams. We currently have openings for several prosecutors.

The APU handles the most serious cases of misconduct, and oftentimes tries them before an administrative law judge at the 1 Police Plaza.

The CCRB is continuing work on the protest report. We hope to have it out in the fall.

Our office is open for walk-in complaints. It is also possible to file complaints online at

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nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint, that is nyc.gov slash C-C-R-B C-O-M-P-L-A-I-N-T, by telephone at 1-800-341-2272, or by dialing 311.

If anyone at the Board meeting wishes to file a complaint tonight, we have two investigators on hand, Paulson Smith and Eliana Behar. So they'll be there to handle complaints if people have them today.

One ground rule for this afternoon -- excuse me, two ground rules for this afternoon, in the public session, please use the raise-the-hand feature if you are online and would like to make a comment. Whether you are online or in person, please limit your comments to four minutes.

I would like to thank the members of the public for participating and the staff for their hard work.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

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Does anyone have any questions of our executive director? Any members of the Board have any questions of the executive director at this time?

MS. IRISH: Hope you feel better soon, Jon.

MR. DARCHE: I appreciate that.

CHAIR RICE: Alright. No one else?

(No response.)

Okay. We're going to have a presentation from our Director of Outreach Jahi Rose.

MR. ROSE: Hello. Good afternoon. Thank you all very much for joining us today. Thank you very much, Chair Rice.

I just wanted to see if you could see my screen.

(Whereupon, screen was displayed on the share screen for all parties to view.)

Can you see my screen?

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CHAIR RICE: Yes.

MR. ROSE: Thank you all very much for joining the CCRB's monthly Board meeting.

As you may know, the Civilian Complaint Review Board is the nation's largest independent oversight entity, governing the oversight over the largest police force in the country.

The CCRB investigates, mediates, and prosecutes complaints of misconduct against members of the NYPD.

You have met a few of our Board members. Our agency is governed by a 15-member Board, five seats are appointed by the mayor, five are appointed by the New York City Council, three are designated by the police commissioner, one is appointed by the public advocate and the Chair is jointly appointed by the mayor and the City Council.

The CCRB can investigate

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allegations of police misconduct. Our jurisdiction could be remembered by an easy acronym, FADO, F as in force, A as in abuse of authority, D as in discourtesy, O as in offensive language.

Just some brief information regarding the Right-to-Know Act. The Right-to-Know Act was a rule -- a law that was put into effect in October 2018. It impacts police officers when it comes to searches, frisks, sobriety checkpoints, and other types of encounters. This includes officers identifying themselves; under certain circumstances, providing their name and other identifying information, such as rank, command, and shield number; with some exceptions, explaining the purpose of the interaction, informing you of your right to say no when asking for your consent to search someone's person, property, vehicle, and/or home. And

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officers, under certain circumstances, are required to offer a business card that has the officer's information, which explains also how to file a comment and/or complaint about the interaction with that officer.

Civilians can request business cards in all encounters. This is what the Right to Know Act card looks like.

As our Executive Director, Jonathan Darche, mentioned, there are a few different ways to file a report to the CCRB, or file a complaint with the CCRB. The easiest way is by going on to our website [nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint](https://nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint). You can also call the CCRB's hotline at 1-800-341-CCRB or 1-800-341-2272.

Remember, if you see footage of misconduct on social media or in the news, you can file a complaint. You don't have to be there in person. A comment tag line would be @ccrb\_nyc.

Other ways to file a complaint



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2 include calling 311. You could also  
3 come to our office at 100 Church  
4 Street on the 10th Floor. You could  
5 direct message, or DM, the CCRB on  
6 Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram.  
7 You can mail your complaint to the  
8 office at 100 Church Street, 10th  
9 Floor, New York, New York 10007. You  
10 can also file a complaint at your  
11 local police precinct, or any local  
12 police precinct. It does not have to  
13 be within the confines of the precinct  
14 where the encounter took place.

15 If you would like to request an  
16 outreach presentation for your  
17 friends, family, neighborhood  
18 community organizations, you can feel  
19 free to e-mail us at  
20 outreach@ccrb.nyc.gov.

21 Also, you can feel free to  
22 follow us online on social media on  
23 Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

24 Thank you very much, Chair Rice.

25 CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

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2 Does anybody have any questions  
3 from our director of outreach? Any  
4 questions for Jahi?

5 (No response.)

6 Okay. We will now enter the  
7 public comment portion of the meeting.  
8 If you are interested in making a  
9 public comment, please line up behind  
10 the podium if you are joining us in  
11 person, or use the raise-your-hand  
12 feature if you are joining us  
13 virtually and we will go in order.  
14 Please keep your comments to four  
15 minutes.

16 Those in the room, come to the  
17 podium, please.

18 MALIK: Hello. Good afternoon.  
19 I mean good evening. I heard early --  
20 my name is Malik, this is my first  
21 time here, so I just want to get a  
22 fair idea of what is going on. So I'm  
23 kind of interested already.

24 My question was, earlier I heard  
25 something about 500,000 budget

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allocated to help you solve complaints against police officers, something like that. So I wanted you to clarify a little bit on to that. Or maybe I got it -- I didn't hear clearly.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you for coming, we appreciate it.

I will answer the first -- the question first and if Jonathan wants to expand a little bit.

We actually received a \$500,000 grant. And we received it from the federal government in order to support our CAU unit, which is a unit that specifically works with individuals who have filed a complaint. So helping them to provide support services around mental health or other issues that they might be going through. So it's a comprehensive way of supporting those who have filed a complaint. So it was a grant that the organization received.

Jonathan, did you want to expand

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2 on that?

3 MR. DARCHE: I can't, even if I  
4 wanted to, because that was perfect.

5 CHAIR RICE: Anyone else want to  
6 make a comment?

7 (No response.)

8 Yojaira, do you have anybody  
9 online who would like to make a  
10 comment?

11 MS. ALVAREZ: Yes. We have Guy  
12 Fisher?

13 MR. FISHER: Hello?

14 CHAIR RICE: Hello, we can hear  
15 you, Mr. Fisher.

16 MR. FISHER: Hello?

17 CHAIR RICE: Hello, we can hear  
18 you.

19 MR. FISHER: Okay. How you --  
20 how you doing. You all sound very  
21 low. I can't really hear anybody.

22 Hello, my name is Guy Fisher.  
23 This is my maybe -- I think this is my  
24 second time speaking at the CCRB  
25 Board. My first time was maybe, three

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years ago.

I'm speaking from a perspective of, I live in realtime. I'm born and raised in Harlem. I'll try to keep this to four minutes. I'm born and raised in Harlem. You know, I see a thing where they say if a police officer comes up and they are in misconduct, ask them for a business card.

But, you know, I live in realtime. If an officer -- how do you do that? Like because if an officer is harassing you or bothering you or something, I don't think they're gonna bother to give you a card or, you know, give you something to ID them or something. Because I been living -- like I said, I've been living in Harlem all my life, and I have never seen an officer do that.

Plus, as a black man living in this place, you know, we take it on the face time of -- listen, every day

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we go -- every day I go to work, I have to watch out for gang members, violent homeless, the right-wing radicals, and police officers. And it's a nerve-wracking time to go to work.

Sometimes, when I'm standing there, and you're looking around, officers come up, "what are you doing? Why you looking around like that?" and it's like, I'm protecting my life. Like I'm trying -- there's so many things for me to watch out for.

How do we conduct ourselves as black men, because I work with a bunch of young black men who believe that police officers will do nothing but kill them if they -- if they try -- if they move a certain way, if they try to protect themselves. And this is the fear that we live with every day.

I need to know, what is the proper way, if you're going outside, and you're on the train and you're

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2 traveling or something, how do you  
3 protect yourself from other outside  
4 entities and not worry about the  
5 police trying to shoot you or arrest  
6 you or do something to you is my  
7 question?

8 This is funny, this virtual  
9 thing, I can't really express.

10 CHAIR RICE: -- your question,  
11 if I heard you correctly, there was  
12 the one that was concretely about, how  
13 do you ask for a business card from a  
14 police officer if you don't have a  
15 positive relationship, historical  
16 strong relationship with a police  
17 officer --

18 MR. FISHER: I cannot hear you  
19 guys.

20 CHAIR RICE: -- especially if  
21 you're dealing with some of the other  
22 difficult circumstances that are  
23 already happening in your  
24 neighborhood, and I'm going to ask our  
25 executive director, Jon, to see if --

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2 MR. FISHER: I really cannot  
3 hear --

4 CHAIR RICE: -- answer  
5 specifically some of the questions  
6 about some of the strategies they  
7 utilize in the Outreach Unit to tell  
8 people to ask for business cards.

9 MR. DARCHE: First, Jahi, if you  
10 could text Mr. Fisher, and let him  
11 know someone will call him and get his  
12 information because I could hear him  
13 perfectly. I believe everybody else  
14 could hear him perfectly. I don't  
15 know what's wrong with his volume and  
16 we should reach out to him.

17 But the truth is, you are under  
18 no obligation to get an officer's  
19 information in order to file a  
20 complaint. One of the things the CCRB  
21 is good at is, generally speaking, if  
22 you have an encounter with the police,  
23 and you file a complaint with this  
24 agency, we can find out who the  
25 officer was who you encountered.



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There are complications, but we have access to police paperwork. We have access to police body-worn camera footage, and we can find out who the officers were that were involved in the encounter you had to find out who they are.

The police have an obligation to give you a business card if you request, unless you are being arrested. So, the -- they have -- actually, when they are stopping you, they have an obligation to offer you the business card. That does not mean you have to request it in order to file a complaint with this agency.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

Yojaira, who is next on the list?

MS. IRISH: I just wanted to add a little bit to that because we do see situations where we hear allegations of people refusing -- of officers refusing to give a business card, or

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giving identification information.  
And we also have to deal with cases where they're not using body-worn cameras. And in those circumstances where they're not going to give you the information, if you are able to see a badge number or even what the number is on a car, the car that they're driving or the license plate, that's helpful information that can help us figure -- identify the officer.

And also just, you know, having a good description can help identify the officer. So in the best of circumstances, we have -- the officer will be using their body-worn camera equipment properly, be giving that identifying information, if asked. But if not, those are other things you may have to resort to, to try to help us identify who the officer is.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

MR. DARCHE: Board Member

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2 Irish --

3 CHAIR RICE: Any other Board  
4 member --

5 MR. DARCHE: -- is entirely  
6 correct but that -- I just want to  
7 make sure that Mr. Fisher and everyone  
8 else understands the obligation is not  
9 on the civilian to identify -- not  
10 on -- the obligation is not on the  
11 civilian to identify the officers  
12 involved. That is the job of this  
13 agency, and we embrace the challenge  
14 if you -- if you have a situation  
15 where you can't -- where you don't  
16 have the name and shield number of the  
17 officer.

18 CHAIR RICE: Thank you for that  
19 clarification.

20 Yojaira, who is next?

21 MS. ALVAREZ: Thank you, Chair.

22 Next, we'll be hearing from  
23 Ellen Trawick.

24 MS. TRAWICK: Can you hear me?

25 CHAIR RICE: We can hear you,

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Ms. Trawick.

MS. TRAWICK: Okay. So my name is Ellen Trawick, and I am the mother of Kawaski Trawick.

Kawaski, my son, was killed on April 14, 2019, by NYPD, Brendan Thompson and Herbert Davis. It's been over three years now, and we still haven't gotten any -- any kind of justice, or nobody has been held accountable for taking Kawaski's life.

We have been talking with the CCRB about getting an administrative trial set for this to go to trial, and we have not yet to have that happen. I have not had a chance to speak with the mayor. And the NYPD and the DA have not at all tried to assist my family with this situation.

And it's really sad that, you know, Kawaski's life was taken in his own home, and nobody is being held accountable for it. It's been --

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trial set since -- well, it's been a year since the CCRB had found misconduct with these two officers, but they have been promising that they was gonna try to get it on the calendar for trial, but it has not happened yet.

My family and I, you know, this is our last resort. We have -- you know, we do have a little faith in CCRB, hoping that they would try to make a difference and help our family. But it's just -- it's just been a very tough time for us right now.

And back in June, they had promised us that they would try to get it on the trial -- on the calendar in July, but it hasn't gotten on the calendar yet.

We expected -- you know, we expected this from the NYPD, you know, the police union to drag their feet, but we just thought that the CCRB would try to move this process along

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quicker than it has been going.

And, my family and I are demanding, you know, that the CCRB schedule the first court conference, you know, as early as September because we really want to have some kind of justice for Kawaski. It's just been a rough time for us. I'm sorry.

CHAIR RICE: There is no need to apologize.

MS. TRAWICK: I'm kind of nervous, too.

Let's see. Yeah, that -- I mean, we just want to get some kind of accountability for the murder of our son. And we are hoping that the CCRB will help us. They said that they will make it their priority to get it scheduled for trial, but nothing has happened yet. And, like, it's been over three years, and my family and I, we're patiently waiting, but it's just getting hard to deal with the fact

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that nothing is happening.

CHAIR RICE: Ms. Trawick, I want to thank you for taking the time to come and speak to us this evening. I don't have the words to express to you my condolences for the loss of your son, Kawaski, and that his life was taken at a young age.

And the commitment that you have heard from the organization to prioritize this case is one that we share as a board. And holding us accountable is what you should do. So thank you for bringing your thoughts to us directly today.

And I'm going to ask Jon to speak to, as much as he can, because it's an open case, but as much as he can about where we are as an organization.

But thank you again. And my sincere condolences on behalf of, not only myself, but the entire board for the loss and the murder of your son.

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MS. TRAWICK: Thank you.

MR. DARCHE: I echo the Chair when I express my condolences to you and your family, Ms. Kawaski -- Ms. Trawick.

And I -- you know, we have had conversations in the past, and I know how urgent it is to get this case before an administrative law judge, before the deputy commissioner of trials, so that the truth be -- the evidence can be presented and the public can see what happened.

Now, I know that is a priority for your family, and I can assure you it is a priority for this agency. And your message is received about getting the case calendared in September.

MS. TRAWICK: Thank you.

CHAIR RICE: Anyone else have anything?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: No. Okay. Thank you.



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2 CHAIR RICE: Alright. Thank you  
3 again.

4 Yojaira, do you have anyone else  
5 on the list?

6 MS. ALVAREZ: Thank you, Chair.  
7 That concludes our public  
8 session.

9 I would like to thank the  
10 offices of Council Member Williams,  
11 the District Attorney's office, and  
12 the Manhattan District Attorney's  
13 office, Assemblymember Catherine  
14 Nolan's staff, Assemblymember Brad  
15 Holman, and also the Brooklyn District  
16 Attorney's staff as well

17 CHAIR RICE: Yojaira, we do have  
18 another gentleman who has joined us  
19 for the public session.

20 So if you wanted to step to the  
21 microphone, sir.

22 ANDREW: Can I hand these out?  
23 (Handing.)

24 ANDREW: Alright. I just handed  
25 out information that I'm being

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followed around by a terrorist organization that keeps attacking me. (Unintelligible) in 2013 that I'm being followed around. In 2015 I was assaulted by law enforcement in Chicago, so this terrorist organization that's following me around turned out to be corrupt people in law enforcement.

Again, I was attacked in --

CHAIR RICE: Sorry for interrupting. Can you tell us your name again.

ANDREW: Andrew.

So, I was attacked. I filed a complaint. I sent several e-mails to Jon Darche. I sent a registered letter. I got no answer except for the registered letter. And, like, the answer I received had mentioned just a case in 2018. But it mentioned nothing about the current case that I filed about how law enforcement had thrown me in the psych ward against my

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will on March 5th because I asked them to reopen the case from March 18th -- September 18th -- September 4th, 2018, and also for March 5, 2020.

Law enforcement keeps attacking me and throwing me in the psych ward against my will for no reason.

So, again, I'm showing evidence, I put this online, 2013, this terrorist organization following me around. 2015, I was assaulted by law enforcement in Chicago. I filed a complaint with COPA, like the CCRB. They did nothing. I filed a complaint here 2018. They did nothing. So this terrorist organization keeps following me around.

So I found, like, a newspaper clipping, it's from the New York Times, which mentioned this guy named Terry. He says to help destroy people. How does he do that? According to the court case, this is called Socialist Workers Party versus

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the Attorney General, law enforcement makes people homeless and gets people fired from their jobs. They like to attack people.

Anybody who calls them terrorist, the councilwoman called them terrorists, fired. Mayor Aja Brown also fired for calling out law enforcement's terrorism. Colin Kaplan, a football player, fired.

So there is this terrorist organization that's running around and getting people fired from their jobs, making people homeless. So, these people, corrupt people in law enforcement, are attacking me each and every day.

I filed complaints, and so far, nothing is happening. I came here two months ago. Nothing happened, so I came back again.

Again, I give the evidence there inside the folders. You guys have all the evidence.

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2 Adrian Schoolcraft, they  
3 claimed -- NYPD, New York City Police  
4 Department, claimed that he was crazy  
5 because he had evidence against them.  
6 Like me, I have evidence against  
7 corrupt people in law enforcement. So  
8 they want to toss me and him inside  
9 the psych ward, they claim that we  
10 crazy.

11 And according to the newspaper,  
12 which is inside the folder, when  
13 you're tossed inside the psych ward,  
14 you can't go to court because law  
15 enforcement is too scared to have you  
16 come to court and testify against  
17 them. That's the reason why law  
18 enforcement tossed you inside the  
19 psych ward. They're too scared.

20 So, Adrian Schoolcraft, Police  
21 Officer Gomez, she also was tossed  
22 inside the psych ward, so people that  
23 have evidence against them, they seem  
24 to be afraid, you know, to testify in  
25 court. That's all in the documents

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that I gave you.

And the court case I mentioned, Socialist Workers Party versus the Attorney General, when I mentioned that on the radio, they shut down. Now, I wonder who shut them down. Maybe the post office, maybe Macy's shut them down. Law enforcement making people homeless and getting people fired from their jobs.

I still want something to be done about these people who are attacking me and terrorizing me. They have no right to attack me. They have no right to get me fired from my job, which I gave you the documents. They have no right to make me homeless and to follow me around. That's what they're doing to people.

CHAIR RICE: We're at the close of your time for your statement. We heard your statement.

Is there any specific question that you wanted to ask of us this

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2 evening?

3 ANDREW: Well, I want the  
4 terrorism to stop, so number one, I  
5 would like the investigations, like I  
6 sent to Jonathan Darche and the  
7 e-mails, that I got no response,  
8 something to be done because I have  
9 the evidence that they had attacked  
10 me. They took down the cameras, off  
11 the door, which is in the documents,  
12 and I want an investigation to be done  
13 on why they keep tossing me inside the  
14 psych ward against my will.

15 CHAIR RICE: Okay.

16 ANDREW: This is called  
17 terrorism.

18 CHAIR RICE: Understood. Thank  
19 you.

20 ANDREW: And the definition is  
21 inside the documents, of terrorism.  
22 That's crazy. They're supposed to  
23 protect us, not to terrorize us.

24 CHAIR RICE: Understood. Thank  
25 you for your statement.

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2 I do remember your being with us  
3 before.

4 So, Jonathan, I believe that we  
5 referred Mr. Andrew to an investigator  
6 at that time; is that correct?

7 MR. DARCHE: That is correct.  
8 Madam Chair, if you could hold onto  
9 the paperwork that was provided, I  
10 will check into the case and find out  
11 what the status is and report back at  
12 the next Board meeting, as well as  
13 making sure someone reaches out to the  
14 individual --

15 ANDREW: Make sure that they  
16 keep a copy because -- but I have a  
17 file in here of law enforcement making  
18 people homeless and getting people  
19 fired from their jobs, the list of  
20 several people Colin Kapernick, others  
21 have bee fired, councilwoman calling  
22 cops terrorists, fired. It's crazy.

23 CHAIR RICE: Thank you. I will  
24 make sure that this gets to our  
25 executive director.



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2 ANDREW: Okay.

3 CHAIR RICE: Thank you, Mr.

4 Andrew for your comments today.

5 Appreciate it.

6 ANDREW: Thank you. If you see  
7 me in another country saying that law  
8 enforcement has attacked me, that's  
9 not me, that's an imposter. I'm right  
10 here. I'm going nowhere. Corrupt  
11 cops cannot make me move. I'm staying  
12 right here.

13 CHAIR RICE: Okay. Thank you.

14 There is no one else in the room  
15 and, Yojaira, there is no one else on  
16 the line.

17 Do we have any old business to  
18 come before the Board? Any old  
19 business to come before the Board?

20 (No response.)

21 Okay. Hearing none, do we have  
22 any new business to come before the  
23 Board? Any new business?

24 (No response.)

25 Hearing none, I'm going to move

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now that we break into executive session.

The agenda for executive session is, the Board will receive an update from the general counsel on litigation and the executive director will discuss the following two items: Update on pending personnel actions, and a reminder of mandatory trainings.

Before I move to close, though, one of the things we did not do is, we did not approve the minutes. I understand that I can count those folks who are attending virtually, so I would like to have a motion to approve the minutes from the July Board meeting, as presented.

Can I have a motion?

MALE SPEAKER: So moved.

MALE SPEAKER: So moved.

MALE SPEAKER: Second.

MALE SPEAKER: Second.

CHAIR RICE: Okay. All those in favor of accepting the Board minutes

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for the July Board meeting as presented, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIR RICE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

Okay. Terrific.

And I just wanted to go back to old business specifically and just ask if anyone had any comments or questions on the rules. That was the discussion that we started last month, and I wanted to specifically ask, under old business, if anyone had any comments or questions on the rules?

(No response.)

No. Okay.

Hearing none, I'm going to move now that we officially break into executive session, take 2.

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Update on pending personnel actions  
and a reminder of mandatory trainings.

Do I have a motion to move into  
executive session?

MS. IRISH: So moved.

CHAIR RICE: Second?

MALE SPEAKER: Second.

CHAIR RICE: Alright. All in  
favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

Alright, the August Board  
meeting is at conclusion. I mean,  
moving into executive session.

Thank you.

(Time Noted: 4:47 p.m.)

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I, STEPHANIE O'KEEFFE, a Reporter  
and Notary Public within and for the State of New  
York, do hereby certify that the within is a true  
and accurate transcript of the proceedings taken on  
August 10, 2022.

I further certify that I am not  
related to any of the parties to this action by  
blood or marriage, and that I am in no way  
interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand this 10th day of August, 2022.

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