

In Re NYC - Civilian Complaint Review Board - June Public Meeting
June 10, 2026

1 -----X
2 CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD
3 PUBLIC MEETING
4 June 10, 2026
5 4:05 p.m.
6 -----X
7 HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE/
8 100 Church Street, 10th Floor
9 New York, New York 10007
10
11
12 B E F O R E:
13 SHERENE CRAWFORD, ESQ. - INTERIM CHAIR
14 JONATHAN DARCHE, ESQ. - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
15
16
17
18 COURT REPORTER:
19 Sabrina Brown Stewart
20
21
22
23
24
25

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25
- PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
- =====
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes
3. Remarks from the Interim Chair
4. Remarks from the Executive Director
5. Presentation from the Outreach Department
6. Public Comment
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjourn to Executive Session

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

CCRB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

=====

- 1. Sherene Crawford, Esq. - Interim Chair
- 2. Patrick Smith - Board Member
- 3. Rahul Agarwal - Board Member
- 4. AU Hogan - Board Member
- 5. John Siegal, Esq. - Board Member
- 6. Herman Merritt - Board Member
- 7. Joseph Fox - Board Member
- 8. Joseph A. Puma - Board Member
- 9. June Northern - Board Member
- 10. Frank Dwyer - Board Member

PRESENTER:

MAROUA RIGHI - Director Intergovernmental Affairs
NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board

1	S P E A K E R:
2	=====
3	
4	MEDHA RAMAN - New York Civil Liberties Union.....15
5	ANDREW CASE - Supervising Attorney
6	LatinoJustice PRLDEF.....17
7	JUAN ROMERO - Civilian.....23
8	MICHAEL MEYERS - President, New York Civil Rights
9	Coalition.....26
10	WES MAHONEY - New York Civil Liberties Union.....32
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	

1 MR. ROSE: Good evening, everyone.
2 Thank you for joining us. For those
3 utilizing ASL Interpretation Services, our
4 two interpreters today are Johnny Colon and
5 Danielle Marzigliano. Their names will be
6 displayed on the screen as ASL John and
7 Danielle, ASL interpreter. Instructions on
8 how to pin their videos and access CART
9 Captioning Services can be found in the chat.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you.

12 Hello. Good afternoon, everyone. Good
13 afternoon. I am Sherene Crawford. I'm the
14 Mayoral Appointee to the CCRB and Interim
15 Chair. On my left is Jonathan Darche,
16 executive director of the CCRB. I'd like to
17 call our June Public Meeting to order. And
18 move to -- I'm sorry. Not actually a motion,
19 but have a moment to introduce our board
20 members. I'm going to start in the room and
21 then move to the screen. So, the board
22 members to my right, if you can please
23 introduce yourselves.

24 MR. MERRITT: Herman Merritt, City
25 Council Designee from Brooklyn.

1 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon. Pat Smith,
2 Mayoral Designee.

3 MR. PUMA: Good afternoon. Joseph
4 Puma, and I go by he/him pronouns. And I'm
5 the City Council Designee from Manhattan.

6 MR. AGARWAL: Good afternoon. Rahul
7 Agarwal, Mayoral Designee. Thanks.

8 MR. HOGAN: AU Hogan, City Council
9 Designee, Borough of Queens.

10 CHAIR CRAWFORD: And if we can go to
11 the screen.

12 June, do you want to introduce
13 yourself?

14 MS. NORTHERN: June Northern, Mayoral
15 Appointee from Brooklyn. I apologize for my
16 absence. I'm not feeling very well.

17 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Hope you feel better
18 soon.

19 MR. DWYER: I'm Frank Dwyer. I'm a
20 Police Commissioner Designee, and I'm
21 traveling at the moment.

22 MR. FOX: Hi. Joe Fox, Police
23 Commissioner Designee, also traveling. My
24 apologies. Thank you.

25 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you for joining

1 us remotely. We appreciate your presence.

2 I don't think we have a quorum in the
3 room, though, so I am not going to ask for
4 any motion on our May minutes, and we'll move
5 that to our next meeting. And I'd like to
6 just offer a few brief remarks before our
7 meeting, recognizing we're starting a couple
8 minutes late, and there's an important event
9 happening this evening that people will be
10 moving off to, but thank you all for being
11 here.

12 And I'll just say, "Go Knicks." I
13 expect that we have some Knicks fans in the
14 room and remotely. And I have to say, I work
15 in Midtown, about two blocks from Madison
16 Square Garden, and it's, you know -- you
17 could feel the energy. It's a very inspiring
18 moment for the City, to see how we're coming
19 together, supporting this team, and just a
20 real positive moment of unity.

21 So, with that in mind, I also just want
22 to note a couple of other celebratory points
23 this month, one being it's Pride Month, and
24 I'm delighted by the energy that flows
25 through New York City with regards to that

1 this time of year in June. There's many
2 events, commemorations, celebrations in the
3 City and all of its diversity. And with
4 that, I also want to acknowledge that it's
5 Juneteenth next week, honoring
6 African-American freedom, heritage, and
7 culture.

8 Recognitions like these are vital ways
9 that the many communities of our city can
10 come together to highlight the importance of
11 their voice and feel represented as
12 New Yorkers. Our city's calendar is filled
13 with days and months like these, and they all
14 shine light on the people and cultures that
15 make New York City special. And really,
16 that's what makes New York City, New York
17 City.

18 While I appreciate, personally, these
19 celebrations, at the same time, I believe
20 that we shouldn't celebrate these communities
21 or cultures and only give recognition on a
22 day or a month or a single point in time.
23 It's up to each of us to hold these
24 wonderful, diverse communities of New York
25 City and the country present in our lives

1 every day. And so, with that in mind, I look
2 forward to a month not only of special
3 recognition, but of heightened recognition.
4 So, with that, I'm going to turn it over to
5 our Executive Director Jonathan Darche.

6 MR. DARCHE: Thank you, Chair Crawford.

7 I'm Jon Darche. I use he/him pronouns.
8 I'm the executive director of the agency. I
9 want to echo the Chair's thoughts and also
10 wish everyone a happy Pride, as well as
11 acknowledge that next week is Juneteenth.
12 This past weekend, CCRB staff were on hand to
13 join in the new Queens Pride Parade, marching
14 to promote the visibility and accomplishments
15 of the LGBTQ community, as well as the
16 tremendous diversity of Queens, my home
17 borough.

18 Our outreach team will also be
19 attending more parades throughout the City,
20 as well as commemorations of Juneteenth
21 itself. I'm sure I speak for them when I
22 say, we'd be elated to see you there, too.
23 The agency sometimes receives questions from
24 the public or press regarding what our case
25 outcomes, what we refer to as dispositions,

1 mean. I wanted to take a moment to walk
2 through them now.

3 Substantiated, means there is
4 sufficient credible evidence to believe that
5 the subject officer committed the alleged act
6 without legal justification. Within NYPD
7 Guidelines, means that the subject officer
8 committed the alleged act, but the officer's
9 actions were determined to be lawful.

10 Unfounded, means there is sufficient credible
11 evidence to believe that the subject officer
12 did not commit the alleged act.

13 Those findings are all what we call on
14 the merits, meaning our investigation was
15 able to definitively determine whether or not
16 misconduct occurred. There are other
17 dispositions for other case outcomes, such as
18 Unable to Determine, if there is sufficient
19 evidence to determine whether misconduct
20 occurred, or Officer Unidentified, when the
21 agency is unable to identify the officers who
22 committed the alleged misconduct. A case may
23 also be closed as Unable to Investigate for a
24 number of reasons, including difficulty in
25 reaching the complainant.

1 I hope this clarifies the results of
2 our investigations. You can learn more about
3 this and the whole CCRB investigative process
4 on our website. [Nyc.gov/ccrb](https://nyc.gov/ccrb). As a
5 reminder, our office is open for walk-in
6 complaints, but it is also possible to file
7 complaints online at nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint,
8 by telephone at 1(800)341-2272, by dialing
9 3-1-1, or by tagging the agency on Twitter,
10 Facebook, and Instagram.

11 For those wishing to speak during the
12 public comment section of today's meeting, we
13 ask that you keep your questions and comments
14 to four minutes. If anyone wishes to file a
15 complaint right now, we have two
16 investigators on hand ready to take any new
17 complaints. The investigators on call this
18 afternoon are Emma Stydahr and Rob Bryan.
19 Brennia Feliciano is also here from the
20 Civilian Assistance Unit.

21 Thank you all for your presence here or
22 online today, and we'll move on now to the
23 Board's formal business.

24 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Okay. We just have a
25 board member who joined us, I'll ask to

1 introduce himself.

2 MR. SIEGAL: Good afternoon. John
3 Siegal. I apologize to everyone for being
4 this late.

5 CHAIR CRAWFORD: No worries.

6 So, we're going to move to a
7 presentation now by Maroua Righi, the
8 director of Intergovernmental Affairs for an
9 overview of the CCRB.

10 MS. RIGHI: Good afternoon, everyone.
11 My name is Maroua, and I'm the director of
12 Intergovernmental Affairs here at the CCRB,
13 and I'm going to give a brief presentation.

14 The CCRB -- the Civilian Complaint
15 Review Board is the nation's largest
16 independent oversight entity of the largest
17 police force in the country. The CCRB
18 investigates, mediates, and prosecutes
19 allegations of misconduct against members of
20 the NYPD. The agency is governed by a
21 15-member board with five seats appointed by
22 the Mayor, five appointed by the
23 New York City Council, three designated by
24 the Police Commissioner, one appointed by the
25 Public Advocate, and the Chair is appointed

1 jointly by the Mayor and the City Council.

2 The CCRB investigates abuses of force,
3 authority, discourtesy, and offensive
4 language. To report police misconduct, you
5 can file a complaint online at nyc.gov/ccrb
6 or you can call the CCRB at 1(800)341-CCRB.
7 Remember, if you see footage of misconduct on
8 social media or in the news, you can file a
9 complaint, even if you weren't there in
10 person.

11 Some more ways to file a complaint is
12 you can visit us at our office at 100 Church
13 Street, on the 10th Floor, New York, New York
14 10007. You can DM us on social media, mail a
15 complaint to our office, or you can file a
16 complaint at a local precinct. The NYPD is
17 required to accept CCRB complaints at any
18 precinct, or you can request a complaint form
19 and postage-free envelope at the precinct.

20 The CCRB is hiring. If you're
21 interested in working with us, check out our
22 open positions by searching for
23 ccrb@nyc.gov/jobs. Alternatively, if you
24 don't see a role posted, you are encouraged
25 to submit your cover letter and resume via

1 e-mail to careers@ccrb.nyc.gov for future
2 interest. The two jobs we're currently
3 hiring for is Investigator Level 1 and
4 Outreach Coordinator.

5 If you'd like to request an outreach
6 present -- a CCRB presentation, please reach
7 out to us at outreach@ccrb.nyc.gov, and
8 please follow us on social media. We are on
9 Instagram and Twitter under the same user
10 name @ccrb_nyc, and we are also on Facebook
11 at Facebook.com/ccrb.nyc.

12 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you.

13 Do board members have any questions?
14 (No response).

15 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you, Maroua.

16 And I'll just back up a little, also,
17 to see if board members have any questions
18 for the executive director regarding his
19 remarks before moving forward.

20 (No response).

21 CHAIR CRAWFORD: So, we'll move to the
22 public comment portion of the meeting. We
23 will begin with those joining us virtually
24 who would like to comment, followed by those
25 who are here in person in the room. For

1 those joining virtually, as mentioned, please
2 raise your hand with the raise-your-hand
3 function. Please keep your comments to four
4 minutes, and I will give it a second for Jahi
5 to see if there are any raised hands.

6 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Chair.

7 I do not see any hands raised now, but
8 there's a hand that keeps going up and
9 dropping down. All right. So, we have Medha
10 Raman. Can we elevate that. You're unmuted,
11 sir. You're unmuted, if you'd like to start.

12 And if we could start the timer.

13 (No Response).

14 MR. ROSE: There may be some technical
15 difficulties. They are unmuted. They don't
16 seem to be responding, though.

17 CHAIR CRAWFORD: I don't know --

18 MR. DARCHE: Why don't we move on.

19 MR. ROSE: Yes. Their mic on their end
20 doesn't seem to be working, so we could move
21 on to -- there was a hand raised, but it went
22 back down, so there are no hands currently
23 raised.

24 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Jahi, if the person
25 who is having trouble with their microphone,

1 is there a function they could type their
2 question?

3 MR. ROSE: Yes. As long as they are a
4 panelist, they'll be able to type their
5 question. And currently, they're a panelist.

6 CHAIR CRAWFORD: So, maybe we'll move
7 to the room and see if there's another way
8 that they can either address the issue with
9 the microphone or share their question with
10 us another way.

11 MR. ROSE: Thank you. Will do. There
12 are no other hands raised. Okay. They did
13 type their question.

14 Would you like me to read it out?

15 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Sure. Thank you.

16 MR. ROSE: No problem.

17 "I wanted to ask about the case
18 closures and total full investigations
19 figures released in this month's report. I
20 noticed that there have been more complaints
21 so far this year than last, but there have
22 been 233 fewer investigations, so wanted to
23 know if there was a reason for that, besides
24 general fluctuation?

25 Also, the substantiation rate for this

1 month was the lowest it's been in a year and
2 a half, so similarly, I wanted to know if
3 there was an explanation for this month,
4 beyond general variance month to month."

5 MR. DARCHE: So, while we monitor the
6 trends, month to month there is a substantial
7 amount of churn just from scheduling
8 differences, so there's nothing unusual about
9 this month, that we can see on its face. But
10 we will keep monitoring the trend, so that if
11 there is something to report, we will do so
12 -- for both.

13 MR. ROSE: Okay. The speaker said,
14 "Thank you."

15 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you.
16 Any other virtual comments?

17 MR. ROSE: Currently, there are no
18 other hands raised. We can close the virtual
19 comment section.

20 CHAIR CRAWFORD: So, we'll move to
21 in-person comments in the room, and ask folks
22 to line up at the podium. Please use the
23 microphone, and remind you to keep your
24 comments to four minutes.

25 MR. CASE: Good afternoon, everybody.

1 Happy Pride Month. Happy Juneteenth next
2 week. Andrew Case, LatinoJustice PRLDEF.
3 Just a few things. The first part of Medha's
4 question I want to bring up again, which is
5 the increase in complaints, rather than the
6 fluctuation and substantiation rates. I saw
7 complaints did go up in May. They always go
8 up over the summer, usually it's a July,
9 August increase. It seems to be increasing a
10 little sooner this year.

11 It's budget season. The NYPD went to
12 City Council and asked for funding for 500
13 more cops a couple of weeks ago. Your
14 funding is supposed to be pegged with the
15 NYPD's. Are you getting enough
16 investigators? Do you have enough resources
17 to investigate the cases that are coming in,
18 in what seems to be an increase in case load?

19 I notice that in the docket there's a
20 large part of the docket that is pending
21 board review. I see you're doing very well,
22 I think, with investigating cases, doing very
23 well with obtaining body-worn camera footage,
24 but there still are a lot of cases pending
25 board review. And that's when cases age

1 without any new investigative steps being
2 taken, because board meetings are getting
3 scheduled and people are reviewing. And as
4 you know, LatinoJustice has said previously,
5 there is no mandate that every case be
6 reviewed by the full board. You could have
7 rules to allow at least these cases that are
8 unable to investigate, or so on, to be passed
9 through the system quickly, and allow your
10 time to be spent on cases that are on the
11 merits.

12 And the final thing I want to mention
13 is I saw one side thing with the body-worn
14 camera footage. It's great that you're
15 getting it. I see that the substantiation
16 rate is 38 percent, historically high, maybe
17 lower than other times this year, but
18 historically high. But the number I keep
19 seeing is zero percent without body-worn
20 camera footage.

21 And the body-worn camera footage seems
22 to have come to a place where when there's no
23 body-worn camera footage, when there's two
24 people telling stories and no audio for the
25 video, like the one case in your examples

1 here, then there's just a willingness to
2 simply say, "unable to determine. Unable to
3 determine." And we didn't always have
4 body-worn camera footage. We had to make
5 rulings on credibility. You can still do
6 that. If you have no body-worn camera
7 footage, preponderance of the evidence can be
8 met, either side -- substantiated,
9 exonerated, unfounded. You can make a
10 finding on the merits by making a ruling on
11 people's credibility.

12 Then, the real final thing --
13 biased-based policing, I see you have
14 substantiated three racial profiling
15 allegations against officers in the 33rd
16 Precinct, no surprise. Really want to be
17 watching those closely, see as those go
18 through the Administrative Prosecution Unit.
19 I know there's been some hiccups with the
20 unit getting up and running.

21 This is a major component of the
22 monitorship and compliance, was having these
23 investigations move from the NYPD to the
24 CCRB. Really excited to see you guys doing
25 the great work that you do on them, and want

1 to see those pursued and completed at
2 administrative trial or other outcome.

3 All right. Thank you all.

4 MR. SMITH: Madam Chair, may I?

5 Mr. Case, if you want to see more cases
6 going to panel, please urge the City Council
7 to make appointments. The City Council has
8 been lacking two appointments for more than a
9 year. The Bronx appointment I think is going
10 on four years now, that the Bronx has not had
11 a representative.

12 MR. CASE: You're absolutely --

13 MR. SMITH: Tell them to make the
14 appointment. Staten Island, there is no
15 representative for Staten Island. Public
16 Advocate, Public Advocate was advised by our
17 very dedicated friend more than a year ago
18 that she was going to leave at the end of the
19 years, had a lot of time to groom and prepare
20 a replacement, and here we are in May and we
21 don't have a Public Advocate. The elected
22 officials should be doing their job in making
23 appointments. That would give us a whole
24 extra panel.

25 MR. CASE: I agree.

1 MR. SMITH: And we'll get to those
2 cases. Thank you.

3 MR. CASE: I agree.

4 MR. DARCHE: I had just addressed two
5 of Mr. Case's points. The first was a
6 question about the budget. The Mayor's
7 proposed executive budget would increase the
8 CCRB's headcount, as well as give the agency
9 additional funding that would enable us to
10 actually hire folks to get to that increased
11 headcount.

12 And so, while the increase in headcount
13 is only eight staff, it is functionally an
14 increase of 20 people. And we are hopeful
15 that if that budget is enacted, that we will
16 be able to hire those folks. And then, once
17 we have hired them, we can cease our
18 strategic resource allocation determination,
19 which is a policy by which we close certain
20 allegation types without any investigation at
21 all.

22 With regard to the substantiation rate
23 with video, I just want to point out that
24 there were -- so far this year, there have
25 only been two cases closed without video.

1 And I think that speaks to the -- you know
2 what, now I'm looking, I think it is
3 potentially four. So, like four cases and
4 having no subs doesn't mean that we have a
5 blanket policy. We clearly do address and
6 make determinations on the merits when we
7 have cases that don't have video, but is a
8 testament to how there's been this huge
9 expansion of body-worn camera footage that
10 there are so few cases getting closed without
11 body-worn camera footage.

12 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you.

13 MR. ROMERO: Good evening, Board
14 Members and members of the public.

15 Executive Director, on the last board
16 meeting, you stated --

17 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Can you introduce
18 yourself.

19 MR. ROMERO: I'm sorry?

20 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Can you --

21 MR. ROMERO: Oh, hi. My name is Juan
22 Romero. How are you?

23 Executive Director, at the last board
24 meeting, you stated that the decision in
25 question regarding Mr. Kons' (phonetic)

1 exclusion from attending the public board
2 meetings was made by you, and that it would
3 not be appropriate to discuss it further due
4 to my association with Mr. Kons. Given that
5 Mr. Kons has met with you on three separate
6 occasions in private, in private, and has
7 made allegations against you, do you believe
8 that it's appropriate for you to be the sole
9 decision-maker in this matter? I'm asking
10 for clarity on whether you view that level of
11 involvement is appropriate under these
12 circumstances, sir. Thank you.

13 MR. DARCHE: So, just to clarify, I
14 felt it was inappropriate for me to comment
15 on the case because you are not the person in
16 question. Second of all, the person in
17 question can join this meeting and ask
18 whatever questions they want online. And
19 third of all, I do believe it is appropriate
20 for me to have made that decision.

21 MR. ROMERO: But isn't that a conflict
22 of interest, seeing as you're the executive
23 director?

24 MR. DARCHE: I don't believe so, sir.

25 MR. ROMERO: You -- excuse me.

1 Respectfully, you don't believe so, but I'm
2 pretty sure that not everyone feels the same
3 way.

4 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Sorry. I feel you
5 asked your question. It was answered. I
6 don't want to get into a debate here. If
7 there's further discussion, we can do it
8 outside of the meeting.

9 MR. ROMERO: Okay. Two more things.

10 Board Members, Mr. Kons will be outside
11 after the meeting is over to speak with you,
12 should you choose to do so.

13 Mr. Hogan, thank you for taking the
14 time to come out and speak with Mr. Kons, for
15 being willing to engage with him directly.
16 That level of engagement is very much
17 appreciated.

18 MR. HOGAN: Thank you.

19 MR. ROMERO: To follow up, this is for
20 the Interim Chair. I respectfully submit a
21 letter for entry into the official meeting
22 record, if you would allow me to hand you a
23 letter, or I can give it to someone to hand
24 to you, whatever you would like.

25 MR. DARCHE: If you could give the

1 letter to D'Andre, that would be --

2 MR. ROMERO: Okay. No problem. I
3 will.

4 Thank you very much, everyone.

5 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you.

6 MR. MEYERS: I'm Michael Meyers. I'm
7 the president of New York Civil Rights
8 Coalition.

9 Number one, public meeting, I really am
10 confused. It's the second or third time the
11 representative of Mr. Kons has been here to
12 ask a question about the exclusion of
13 his member from a public meeting. I don't
14 understand it for myself, and in terms of the
15 explanation, I don't understand the
16 explanation given. Why is a member of the
17 public not invited to speak and to hear the
18 CCRB members at a public meeting? I don't
19 understand.

20 I don't think it's the prerogative of
21 the executive director, or for that matter,
22 the interim chair, to exclude anybody from
23 the public. Now, if there's a reason for it,
24 a legal reason, and thought the person -- as
25 I remember, the person had gone to court and

1 gotten a court order in order to come to
2 meetings.

3 So, I have to also ask the question:
4 What the hell is going on here? Now, I hope
5 the interim chair and the executive director
6 can address that. I think a public meeting
7 is a public meeting. People who are members
8 of the public have a right to be here, to
9 listen and to argue and to advocate for their
10 position to this board.

11 Now, in terms of the vacancies -- and
12 again, I repeat what I said before, where is
13 the Bronx representative? Somebody said he's
14 been absent four at least four years. Where
15 is the Staten Island representative? Where
16 is the Public Advocate's appointment,
17 replacing Esmeralda Simmons, on this board?
18 Why are you people taking so damn long to
19 make an appointment? I don't understand it.
20 Nobody has offered an explanation.

21 So now, I have written to the Mayor. I
22 have written to the Police Commissioner.
23 I've written to the Public Advocate, and they
24 all give excuses and alibis, and I don't
25 accept them. I think it's a rationalization.

1 It's absolutely unacceptable that a mayoral
2 agency that is supposed to be investigating
3 police misconduct, allegations thereof, can't
4 get a quorum of his members to a meeting.
5 This is outrageous.

6 So, let's repeat again: Today, you
7 don't have a quorum of members to even take
8 the record, to publish the record, to approve
9 the record of your meetings. This is
10 outrageous. And I don't hear anybody on the
11 Board saying, "Let's do something about that.
12 Let's do something about that." Now, I
13 respect the people who are now absent --
14 June, and Mr. Fox. I love them, but I need
15 them here. I need them here.

16 I need the representative of Staten
17 Island here. I need the representative of
18 the Bronx here. I need the Public Advocate
19 person here. And if they don't have them
20 here, why not? Why can't they make an
21 appointment? I don't understand it. I've
22 already spoken with the deputy mayor --
23 promises, promises, promises. "We're on
24 that. We're on that. We're going to appoint
25 a chair," but we have our interim chair

1 still. They hadn't appointed a chair. We
2 still got an interim chair. What's going on
3 here?

4 Why don't they have respect for the
5 public? Why don't they have respect for the
6 law which is passed, to make sure this body
7 is responsible and accountable. So, I have
8 to say to you again one more time, I want to
9 know why any member of the public cannot come
10 to a meeting of the CCRB. I'm tired of
11 hearing excuses. I'm tired of hearing alibis.

12 And I, as a member of the public, you
13 know, I'm waiting for myself to be excluded
14 because I'm going to be distinctive. I'm
15 going to advocate, advocate, advocate for the
16 public, and I don't care who resents it, who
17 takes exception to it. And you guys and
18 women have got to take exception when members
19 of the public, who want to come to a meeting,
20 can't come to a meeting, can't speak at a
21 meeting, or barred from a meeting for
22 whatever reasons, especially the people
23 downstairs, the staff and employees of this
24 agency -- of this building, not the agency.

25 I'm very upset. So, Madam Chair, would

1 you respond to those questions?

2 CHAIR CRAWFORD: I'm happy to -- I
3 think the executive director and I probably
4 have some responses for you.

5 MR. DARCHE: So, again, with regard to
6 the person who can't come to the meeting,
7 there are reasons that the Agency made its
8 decision. He can join the meeting and share
9 those reasons online, but I'm not going to --
10 I don't think it's appropriate for me to
11 embarrass that person by discussing why
12 they're not in the meeting. But they clearly
13 know how to use the internet to log in. And
14 if they wanted, they could sit here and --
15 they could sit online and participate.
16 There's no bar on them participating.

17 And then, with regard to the -- the
18 only thing I wanted to clarify with regard to
19 your statements, I know you know this, but I
20 just want to make clear that the seats from
21 the Public Advocate, the City Council
22 appointees for the Bronx, and the City
23 Council appointee for Staten Island are
24 vacant. It's not that they are members who
25 were appointed and not coming, because there

1 is a difference between the two. And the
2 people who used to have those spots, I want
3 to make clear that they stepped down from the
4 board, and so they are not being delinquent
5 by not being here.

6 MR. MEYERS: But they haven't been
7 replaced.

8 MR. DARCHE: But that's not on them, is
9 what I wanted to say.

10 MR. MEYERS: Yeah, but it's on the
11 appointing authorities --

12 MR. DARCHE: Yes.

13 MR. MEYERS: -- and the Public Advocate
14 who has not filled the position. And the
15 Mayor and the City Council speaker who have
16 not made a permanent appointment of the Chair.
17 Not that I disagree with this Chair. I like
18 her. Yeah, I want you to stay on, but make an
19 appointment. Make an appointment.

20 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Thank you, Mr. Meyers.

21 And I want to reiterate Mr. Darche's
22 point, that this -- one, I think it's a very
23 serious decision to exclude someone from a
24 public meeting. I think it's taken very
25 seriously. I support the executive

1 director's decision, and I think that it's
2 not taken lightly. And there is the option
3 to participate, to contribute, and to listen
4 to the full meeting virtually online. So, I
5 want to just name that.

6 And then, with regards to the
7 appointments, I hear you. I hear you every
8 time you raise it. I think it's an important
9 point. It is something, as interim chair, I
10 have voiced. And I think that the powers
11 that be are aware. And, unfortunately, we,
12 as board members, don't have control over
13 those appointments. So, we will continue to
14 make it known that it is, you know, really
15 valuable that there's a permanent chair, and
16 that all the seats are filled on this board.

17 Any other comments?

18 MR. MAHONEY: Hello. My name is Wes
19 Mahoney - -

20 MR. DARCHE: Can Wes pick up the mic,
21 guys? Is that okay? Because it's a little
22 low for him. You just need to hold it closer
23 to your mouth.

24 MR. MAHONEY: My name is a Wes Mahoney.
25 I'm with the New York Civil Liberties Union.

1 I had a brief question about the ratio of
2 allegations to complaints received this year.
3 It seems like the total number of complaints
4 received has stayed relatively constant from
5 last year to this year at around 2,300.
6 However, the corresponding number of
7 allegations has dropped from 9,658 last year
8 to around 8,000 this year. I was hoping you
9 might provide some brief context on anything
10 that might be driving that change in ratio.

11 MR. DARCHE: So, I appreciate the
12 question. It's something we will look into,
13 and I'll see if we can get an answer for you
14 for next month's meeting.

15 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Any other comments?

16 MR. SMITH: Madam Chair, if we had a
17 quorum, I would make a motion -- this board
18 has full confidence in our executive director
19 and how he's been handling this matter of the
20 person not coming to the meeting. I support
21 him.

22 CHAIR CRAWFORD: All right. So, with
23 that, I'll close the public comment section
24 and ask if we have any old business to come
25 before the Board?

1 (No response).

2 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Okay. Hearing none,
3 I'll ask if we have any new business to come
4 before the board?

5 (No response).

6 CHAIR CRAWFORD: No new business. I am
7 going to now have us adjourn to the Executive
8 Session, and we will be discussing the
9 following as the agenda in the Executive
10 Section, is the Board will consider one full
11 board case, the executive director will
12 discuss pending personnel issues and actions,
13 and the general counsel will provide updates
14 regarding pending litigation.

15 Is there a motion to adjourn to
16 Executive Session?

17 MR. HOGAN: So moved.

18 MR. SMITH: Second.

19 CHAIR CRAWFORD: Do I have a -- thank
20 you.

21 This meeting is now adjourned to
22 Executive Session. Thank you all. Have fun
23 watching the game.

24 (TIME NOTED: 4:41 p.m.)

25

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

:SS

COUNTY OF QUEENS)

I, SABRINA BROWN STEWART, a Notary Public
within and for the State of New York, do hereby
certify:

That the witness whose examination is
hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn and that such
an examination is a true record of the testimony
given by such a witness.

I further certify that I am not related to
any of these parties to this action by blood or
marriage, and that I am not in any way interested in
the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand on this 30th day of June, 2026.

Sabrina Brown-Stewart
Sabrina Brown Stewart