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CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

4:00 P.M.

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B E F O R E:

ARVA RICE, 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 the 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 - Chair
2. Corrine A. Irish, Esq., Board Member
3. Joseph A. Puma, Board Member
4. Willie Freeman, Board Member
5. Esmeralda Simmons, Esq., Board Member
6. Erica Bond, Board Member
7. Herman Merritt, Board Member
8. Michael Rivadeneyra, Esq. Board Member
9. Rev. Dr. Demetrius Carolina, Board  
Member
10. Salvatore F. Carcaterra, Board Member
11. John Siegal, Esq , Board Member
12. Frank Dwyer, Board Member

Presenters:

Jahi Rose - Director of Outreach  
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MS. ALVAREZ: Good evening,  
everyone. Thank you so much for  
joining us. For those that would like  
to use, utilize our ASL service, our  
two interpreters are Andria and Craig  
Ridgway. In the chat, you will find  
instructions on how to pin their video  
throughout the meeting. Thank you.

CHAIR RICE: Good afternoon,  
everyone. I'm Arva Rice, and I would  
like to call the February 2022  
Civilian Complaint Review Board  
meeting to order.

And with that said, I'd like to  
introduce myself, and I will do that a  
little bit later. But I'm Arva Rice  
serving as the interim Chair for CCRB.

If I can have the members of the  
board introduce themselves.

John Siegal?

MR. SIEGAL, ESQ.: Yes. Good  
afternoon, Ms. Rice. My name is John  
Siegal. I'm a lawyer in Manhattan  
living in the Bronx, and appointed by

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Mayor de Blasio to the CCRB.

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And I welcome you as Chair.

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CHAIR RICE: Thank you so much,

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John.

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Erica Bond?

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MS. ALVAREZ: Erica will be

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joining us a little later.

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CHAIR RICE: Thank you so much.

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Corrine Irish?

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MS. IRISH, ESQ.: Thank you,

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Chair Rice. And welcome.

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My name is Corrine Irish. I

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am -- I am a mayoral appointee and

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CHAIR RICE: Thank you so much.

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Reverend Demetrius Carolina.

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REV. DR. CAROLINA: Thank you,

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Carolina from Staten Island and

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mayoral appointee as well.

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CHAIR RICE: Perfect.

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Joseph, have you joined us?

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Joseph Puma?

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MR. PUMA: Yes. Good afternoon,

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Chair Rice. Pleasure to welcome you  
as Chair.

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My name is Joseph Puma. I am  
the Manhattan City Council  
representative to the board from the  
Borough of Manhattan. And I live on  
the Lower East Side.

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CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

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Michael. Michael Rivadeneyra.

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your last name.

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MR. RIVADENEYRA, ESQ.: Sure.

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congratulations, Chair Rice.

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I am Michael Rivadeneyra. The

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City Council's Bronx designee, and I

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reside in the Bronx.

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CHAIR RICE: Thank you, Michael.

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And thank you for being gracious.

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Has Frank joined us yet? I

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don't think he has.

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So has Sal joined us? Sal

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Carcaterra?

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(No response.)

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MS. ALVAREZ: Sal joins us by calling in and Sorin will let us know when he's been upgraded.

CHAIR RICE: Terrific.

Esmeralda Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS, ESQ.: Good afternoon. So happy to call you Chair Rice.

My name is Esmeralda Simmons. I'm a resident of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. Appointed by public advocate Jumaane Williams to this board.

CHAIR RICE: Terrific.

And Herman Merritt? Herman, are you with us?

MS. ALVAREZ: Mr. Merritt, I believe you are muted.

MR. MERRITT: I'm so sorry. Welcome again, Chair Rice.

And my name is Herman Merritt. I'm the Brooklyn representative appointed by the City Council.

CHAIR RICE: Terrific. Thank

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you.

And as you heard from -- that there will be a couple of other board members who will join us over the course of the meeting. But thank you so much, board members, for joining us for this February meeting.

MS. ALVAREZ: And Chair Rice, we are joined by two more. I know that the setting, you might not be able to see all the videos. We've been joined by board member Erica Bond and Frank Dwyer.

CHAIR RICE: Wonderful.

Erica, can you introduce yourself?

MS. BOND: Of course.

Good afternoon, all. My name is Erica Bond. Apologies, I'm a few minutes late here. I am a Mayoral Designee, and I reside in Brooklyn.

Good to see everybody.

CHAIR RICE: And then I believe that Frank Dwyer joined us as well.



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MR. DWYER: Thank you.

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I'm Frank Dwyer. I want to  
thank Sorin for his herculean effort  
to reroute me through a different  
route in, and he did it amazingly  
quickly in 10, 15, 20 different little  
things. So that was really  
impressive.

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I'm Frank Dwyer. I'm a Police  
Commissioner designee.

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CHAIR RICE: Terrific. Thank  
you so much.

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And I believe I have all the  
board members who are with us this  
afternoon.

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approve the minutes?

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MR. DWYER: So motioned.

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REV. DR. CAROLINA: Second.

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CHAIR RICE: We have a second.

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All right. Are there any  
changes or corrections to the minutes  
as presented?

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CHAIR RICE: If not, if not,  
hearing none, all those in favor of  
approving the minutes, say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIR RICE: All those opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: All those opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: All right. The  
minutes are approved. Thank you so  
very much.

Good afternoon, and welcome  
again to the Civilian Complaint Review  
Board's February meeting. My name, as  
you just heard, is Arva Rice. And I'm  
thrilled to welcome you and to accept  
the role as the interim chair of the  
board.

I'm particularly excited to be  
chairing my first meeting during Black  
History Month. As some of you know, I  
joined this prestigious group of men  
and women on the board last year, and  
I am very proud to now serve as the

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interim chair.

As the current president and CEO of the New York Urban League, I am working to enable underserved communities to secure a first class education, economic self reliance and equal respect of their civil rights through programs, services, and advocacy, which is the mission of the New York Urban League.

Before joining the Urban League, I served as Executive Director of Project Enterprise, an organization that provides business loans, technical assistance and peer support to New York City entrepreneurs who lack adequate resources and to business financing.

Under the last administration, I served as commissioner for the New York City Equal Employment Practices Commission and Mayor de Blasio's commission for gender equity. Before joining the CCRB, I worked with former

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Police Commissioner Shea and Mayor de Blasio on a department wide initiative to reform the NYPD. And in March of last year, the City Council passed a resolution adopting our final police reform and reinvention collaborative plan.

After decades working to make New York City a fair, more equitable and safer city, I'm pleased to use my expertise to lead the CCRB in its next chapter.

The CCRB is a uniquely important agency that is key to fulfilling this great City's mission to protect New Yorker. And as it grows in number and power, the agency continues to expand its services to those in need.

I would like to particularly thank Chair Fred Davie for his impeccable service to the City. Under his leadership, the board made great strides in the last several years, expanding the CCRB's powers with the

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right to investigate sexual misconduct, untruthful statements, bias based policing and more.

At the end of the last year, the City Council passed a groundbreaking bill, allowing the CCRB to self-initiate complaints. I hope to build on that momentum and continue to push the agency forward.

We have many goals for the coming year, and we will need to work closely with the new administration and City and state legislatures to achieve them. A top priority is passing a bill in the State Senate to give oversight agencies like the CCRB an exemption from sealing statutes.

With the recently added ability to self-initiate complaints and investigate incidents of racial profiling occurring since 2016, the CCRB needs access to seal arrest records, which often cover up officer misconduct. I will also continue the

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fight for final disciplinary authority in CCRB cases. Misconduct cannot be truly addressed while the NYPD has the final say.

I am hopeful that we will partner -- we will have a partner with Mayor Adams who has continually called for safety and justice together to improve the City's policing, and has been a reformer of the NYPD, both when he wore a badge and when he served as a state senator.

The CCRB will be a key part in ensuring accountability for police misconduct, and repairing police community relations in the coming years. And I look forward to doing all I can to help facilitate that.

I will next -- I will next acknowledge Board Member, Corrine Irish has been selected as part of the prestigious 2022 Class of Presidential Leadership Scholars. Please bring together -- bringing together a

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diverse network of leaders to  
collaborate and create meaningful  
change in the United States.

Congratulations on this  
incredibly exciting honor.

MS. IRISH, ESQ.: Thank you.

CHAIR RICE: You are welcome.

And I would also like to  
congratulate Board Member Reverend  
Dr. Demetrius Carolina, who has been  
named as a New York City Commission on  
Human Rights Trailblazer.  
Dr. Carolina is specifically being  
honored for his outstanding work  
advocating for Black American human  
rights in New York City.

So thank you for your incredible  
service to the City. And thank you  
all. I am now going to turn it over  
to our Executive Director, Jonathan  
Darche.

Jonathan?

MR. DARCHE: Thank you, Chair  
Rice. The staff is very lucky to have

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your dedication and expertise leading this agency.

    Last week, a court upheld the CCRB's right to prosecute serious misconduct. Last fall, the CCRB substantiated charges against Officer Wayne Isaacs. The NYPD served those charges. Officer Isaacs sued to avoid discipline for his misconduct.

    While this decision is a success for the CCRB and the City as a whole, the case will now go in front of the Deputy Commissioner for trials and the APU team that is handling that case will make sure to present all of the evidence in order to convict Officer Isaacs in the disciplinary trial.

    Two quick updates on agency operations. First, the CCRB continues to review protest cases and we expect to have a protest report out in the coming months. And the office is open. And so if you want to file your complaint in person, we are here and



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available. But it would still be easier if you want to file your complaint online or over the phone, if possible.

Some ground rules for today's meeting. In the public session, please use the "raise the hand" feature to make a comment. And please keep your comments to two minutes. And I'd like to thank the people who will be participating and who are watching today, for participating in this meeting.

Thank you, Chair Rice.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you so much.

Jon, we appreciate that presentation. And I wanted to ask the members of the board if you all have any questions in regards to the presentation that you just heard from your Executive Director.

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: Any questions?

(No response.)

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CHAIR RICE: Giving people a moment to click on their muted button --

All right. So seeing none, we will go forward with our report. The presentation from our Director of Outreach.

So Jahi Rose, if you can come forward to make your presentation. Thank you, Jahi.

MR. ROSE: Thank you very much, Chair Rice. We definitely appreciate having you on board as our interim Chair.

Can everyone see my screen?

As many of you know, the Civilian Complaint Review Board is the nation's largest independent oversight entity over the largest police force in the country. The CCRB investigates, mediates and prosecutes complaints of police misconduct made against officers in the New York City Police Department. The agency is

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governed by 15-member board. You have met many of our board members today. Five being appointed by the New York City Council, five being appointed by the Mayor. Three designated by the Police Commissioner. One appointed by the Public Advocate and the Chair is jointly appointed by the Mayor and the City Council.

The CCRB's jurisdiction allows us to investigate four categories of allegations, that includes force, abuse of authority, discourtesy and offensive language. FADO is a helpful acronym that can be used to remember the CCRB's jurisdiction.

I wanted to provide you with a little bit of information regarding the Right to Know Act. The Right to Know Act is a law that went into effect October 19th of 2018. This pertains to stop frisks and searches, checkpoints and other encounters. Though components of the Right to Know

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Act include officers identifying themselves by providing their name and other information such as rank, command and shield number. With some exemptions. Explaining the purpose of the encounter.

Under certain circumstances, they should inform an individual of their right to say no when asking for consent search of someone's person, property, vehicle and/or home. And under certain circumstances, they should offer business card with the officer's information, which explains how to make a comment and/or complaint about an interaction with the New York City police officer. And civilians can make a request for this business card in all encounters.

Now, this is an image of what the business cards look like.

Now, there are a few ways to file a complaint about police misconduct. As mentioned by Executive

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Director Darche, one of the easiest ways is by filing it online, at [nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint](https://nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint). You can also call CCRB's hotline, which is 1800-341-CCRB, or 1800-341-2272.

Remember, if you see footage of misconduct on social media or in the news, you can file a complaint even if you weren't there in person. Feel free to tag the CCRB in the complaint and you will receive a response.

Additional ways to file a complaint to the CCRB about misconduct include calling 311, visiting the CCRB at our headquarters at 100 Church Street on the 10th floor in Lower Manhattan.

You can also DM the CCRB on our social media platforms, which will be shared immediately after. You can send the CCRB a letter in the mail once again to 100 Church Street on the 10th floor, New York, New York. Zip code 10007.

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You can also file a complaint at any local police precinct. It does not have to be the precinct where the encounter interaction may have taken place.

If you'd like to request a CCRB outreach presentation, feel free to contact the outreach unit at outreach@ccrb.nyc.gov. You can also follow us on our social media platform, includes our Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

Thank you very much, Chair Rice.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you. And I'm going to ask if our board members have any additional questions. But before they do that, I want them to hold that thought because we have been joined by two additional board members, who I'm going to add to introduce themselves.

So Willie Freeman. Willie?

MR. FREEMAN: Willie Freeman.

I'm a Police Commissioner Designee.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you so much,

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Willie. I appreciate that.

And then also I believe that Sal Carcaterra has also joined us as well.

MR. CARCATERRA: Hi. Yes, hi, Chair Rice. Congratulations.

My name is Sal Carcaterra. And I'm a Police Commissioner Designee and I reside on Staten Island.

CHAIR RICE: Wonderful. Thank you so much, gentlemen.

And do we have any questions about the presentation that was made by Jahi?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: Any questions from our board?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: Okay. We will now enter the public comment portion of the meeting. As you heard from your executive director, if you are interested in making a public comment, please use the "raise your hand" feature that can be found at the

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bottom of the screen and we will go  
down the list.

Please keep your comments to  
two minutes. And Yojaira, will you  
please call on the first person?

MS. ALVAREZ: Thank you, Chair.

As we wait for folks to utilize  
the "raise the hand" feature, I just  
wanted to thank the following elected  
official officers and their  
representatives for being here in  
attendance. Council member Gale  
Brewer, Assembly member Salazar,  
Council member Stevens, Council member  
Clarke, Council Member Rivera, Carlina  
Rivera. The Manhattan District  
Attorney's Office, as well as the  
Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.  
Council member Narcisse. And Council  
member Won. In addition to the Queens  
Attorney General's Office. As well as  
Congress Member Meng.

So thank you all for joining us.  
The first person on our list is



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Michael Meyers.

MR. MEYERS: Yes. Can you hear me? Can you hear me?

MR. DARCHE: Yes, Mr. Meyers.

MR. MEYERS: Yes. I have a couple of questions in my two minutes. My first question is, when and where will I find it in the minutes when the rules of the CCRB changed or amended to limit the public participation questions and comments on your meetings to two minutes?

I used to come to every meeting of the board, the CCRB board, and everybody at that time, every board member rejected the notion that you can limit the public comments and/or questions to two minutes. And my -- my second question is, when will in-person meetings of the CCRB board return? In as much as the COVID situation has now under control.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you, Michael, for your two questions. I appreciate

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that. And I'm going to defer the --

MR. MEYERS: Oh, and by the way,  
I forgot to say I'm Michael Meyers.  
I'm the president of the New York  
Civil Rights Coalition, for those who  
don't know.

CHAIR RICE: Terrific. Thank  
you so much, Mr. Meyers, and thank you  
for your two questions. And I'm going  
to defer both of those to executive  
director, because I'm not sure when  
the two-minute rule went into effect.  
And he can also respond in regards to  
when we will go into real life  
meetings again.

MR. DARCHE: So the two-minute  
rule is not in our rules. It was put  
in place when we originally started  
going into community to take comments,  
and many of the locations we were  
going, we had a hard stop because of  
locations where we were -- wouldn't  
allow us to go long. So we wanted to  
make sure that everyone who wanted to

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participate could.

But it is a good point. We might need to look and that might actually need to be changed. That goes into the rules. Thank you for pointing that out, Mr. Meyers.

And then the plan is to move to in-person meetings for the March meeting. But we are taking steps to ensure that we continue to do a live broadcast so that people have the opportunity to be in person, as well as still be able to not only watch the meetings online, but participate when they are online.

MR. MEYERS: My question is, the board has never amended the rules to limit the public's questions and comments to two minutes. That is -- that is an ultravirus rule that you made up.

CHAIR RICE: Well, thank you, Mr. Meyers, for your -- for bringing that to our attention. We will

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certainly bring it back to the board  
as we go into further discussions.  
But thank you for bringing that to our  
attention. We appreciate it.

Yojaira, can you tell us about  
who is next.

MS. ALVAREZ: Thank you,  
Mr. Meyers.

Next on the list, we have Raul  
Rivera.

MR. RIVERA: Hello. I'm trying  
to -- can you hear me?

CHAIR RICE: Yes, Mr. Rivera.  
We can hear you.

MR. RIVERA: How you doing? My  
name is Raul Rivera. I'm a New York  
City TLC driver. I'm also a TLC  
driver advocate. We have a petition  
to reform the tax limousine  
commission.

And my -- I just want to bring  
to the attention of the CCRB, I'm a  
very outspoken advocate and we fight  
for the drivers. And on July of

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last -- July of 2020, I had a visit at my home from two NYPD officers. Apparently, somebody didn't like the fact -- somebody didn't like the post that I was putting on Twitter. They -- officers told me that Twitter sent them to do a wellness check on me. And real quickly, it turned from a wellness check to -- maybe I shouldn't post so much, maybe I should take it easy with the posting, that I'm posting and I'm tagging high profile people. And that was a little disturbing. I took it as intimidation and harassment.

I filed a complaint with the CCRB, and apparently, according to the CCRB, I did it too late. The -- the limitation on the complaint passed. Which is actually not true because the CCRB allows 18 months, 18 months for you to file your complaint. Which I did. I filed my complaint three weeks before the 18 months.

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And I want the CCRB to understand that, you know, when a person decides to file a complaint, they really contemplate it. And a lot of times, six months will go by, three months will go by, or maybe a year will go by before -- because there's a lot of fear in filing complaints. And we know that the complaints are -- are down. At least according to what I was told in 2020, that the complaints are down. And that has to be corrected. Because I file a complaint and that goes nowhere.

And I have 20 minutes of audio when this officer is speaking to me and telling me all these things. So I wish -- I'm going to have to go public and put it out there publicly on Twitter and -- and -- and contact the mayor.

CHAIR RICE: All right. Thank you for sharing that with us. And

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also thank you for taking the time to -- to file the complaint. Because we realize that's a decision that you have to make. I just wanted to -- I realize, Mr. Rivera, that we are out of time. But I just want to see, were you making a comment or did you have a question as well?

MR. RIVERA: There needs to be clarification of how much time a person has to file a complaint.

CHAIR RICE: All right. I'll ask -- I will ask Jon --

MR. RIVERA: You can't -- you can't say 18 months, the person files before 18 months and then you get a notice saying that it's too late. When it's not too late.

CHAIR RICE: Understood. Thank you, Mr. Rivera. I'm going to ask our executive director to respond to the question about the statute of limitations on filing the complaint.

MR. DARCHE: So the statute of

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limitations for these disciplinary investigations is 18 months. And that is set by state law. Civil service Law Section 75 of New York State.

Which means that, the investigation needs to be complete. And if disciplinary charges are going to be brought against the member of service, they need to be served with those charges within 18 months. Which means that not only do we need to receive the complaint within 18 months, we must fully investigate the complaint, the board needs to deliberate on the -- on the complaint and we need to then go to the police department and have them take disciplinary action. Which sometimes can take considerable amount of time.

And so it's not so much that we need to have the complaint within 18 months. It's that the entire investigation needs to be completed within 18 months from the date of



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incident.

One of the -- there's only one exception in the law to the -- the statute of limitations in Civil Service Law Section 75, and that we refer to as the crime exception. And that is if the conduct to which -- which the officer is accused of committing could have been charged as a crime, then the statute of limitation does not apply.

So in our rules, we have a process for complaints that come in either -- there are two separate processes. One for cases that are past the statute of limitations and another one for cases that are over a year old. Where we go through and try to figure out if there is some way to complete the investigation within the statutorily approved period of time, we will conduct an investigation.

But it is -- it is -- it is not a CCRB choice that the statute of

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limitations is 18 months. It's state that law that's a requirement.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you, Jonathan, for that clarification. That was extremely helpful.

Yojaira, do you have another person on the list?

MS. ALVAREZ: We -- that concludes the public session.

Before -- before that, I just wanted to additionally thank Community Board 3 and Queens Community Board 16. The Office of Councilmember Hanks and Councilmember Hudson, thank you so much for joining us.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

MR. DARCHE: Madam chair, I just wanted to -- to -- back to Mr. Mayer's questions, if I could just address them real quick. Because I think Mr. Meyers brings up an important point, and he has been someone who has been very active in the creation of the CCRB. And the CCRB, as is,

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existed for the last 25 years and I don't want to -- to -- I want to certainly acknowledge his contributions to the agency and to the City.

And just point out that we -- when we set the time limit, we thought we were acting within the Open Meetings Law. But I will make sure that the general council's office goes back and looks at it and we will report back as a staff to -- to the board about -- about how we should proceed in the future.

To be honest with you, it was not something I considered and we will look at it and report back to you.

CHAIR RICE: Great. So thank you again, Mr. Meyers, for bringing that to our attention. We appreciate it.

Going to old business. Do we have any old business to come before the board? Old business?

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(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: Okay. Hearing none, do we have any new business to come before the board?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: New business?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: Okay. Hearing none, I'm going to move now that we break into executive session. The agenda for the executive --

MS. IRISH, ESQ.: Chair, I'm sorry. I actually think more hands have been raised. I don't know if there's still time for public comment. But --

CHAIR RICE: Yojaira, do you have more questions, more hands have been raised?

MS. ALVAREZ: Thank you. Yes. It looks like we have a few additional folks.

Sorin, can you -- the next on the list will be Vincent Riggins.

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CHAIR RICE: Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

MR. RIGGINS: Good afternoon, and thank you for having this session, making it available to the community.

My name is Vincent Riggins. I'm Chair of Public Safety, Community Board 5 in East New York, Brooklyn. And I apologize for coming on late, but I just had a few questions.

One, can you guys now investigate officers without a formal complaint?

Can you hear me?

CHAIR RICE: Yes, we can.

Mr. Riggins, can you go ahead and state your questions in a row? And then we can go ahead and answer them. I'm holding the first, which is whether we can go forward with a case against an officer when there is no formal complaint; is that correct?

MR. RIGGINS: Right. Can you now investigate officers without a

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formal complaint. And has -- has a decision been made as to whether you guys would have final say on discipline of officers?

And I'll just stop right there because I don't want to take up all your time. We've got other hands.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you so much. I will once again go to our executive director to answer the questions that were raised in regards to doing investigation without a formal complaint, and then the second whether the CCRB has got final authority on recommendations that are made in regards to discipline.

I believe you are on mute.

MR. DARCHE: Sorry, sorry. I needed to unmute. I apologize.

The -- last year, the City Council changed the City Charter, which gives the CCRB the power to investigate cases before we receive a complaint, without receiving a

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complaint.

We have not yet changed our rules to set up the system by which the agency will determine which -- what incidents it will investigate without receiving a complaint.

I -- I anticipate that conversation will begin in March, either the March board meeting or the April board meeting.

The second question --

CHAIR RICE: Whether -- whether --

MR. DARCHE: Final authority -- Police Commissioner is the final arbiter of police discipline under state law right now. The agency has been asking for final authority for several years, and there is some legislation in Albany that would -- that would change -- change a system and change the City Charter so that the CCRB would have final authority. But that is not the situation we have

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right now.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you.

Yojaira, is there another question?

MS. ALVAREZ: Yes. Next, we will be hearing from Civan Ozkanoglu. Apologies for my mispronunciation.

MR. OZKANOGU: Hi. I have a very quick question for Mr. Darche.

I have an open case, I have a case open for like more than a year ago. And the last time I heard from the investigator was like June, June 8. And after that, like -- I sent several e-mails and phone calls. I don't get any -- any response from the investigator. And this -- this doesn't sound normal to me.

I understand that 18 months timeline to solve the case. But not hearing from the investigator for eight months, it's -- it's not normal to me.

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question. Thanks.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you for that question. And I will ask Jon to respond, if you can, on an open case.

MR. DARCHE: I actually just looked in our system to see if I could find your complaint, and I don't see it. So I'm going to ask if you can hold on and one of our investigators is going to -- or someone from my -- from the office is going to reach out to you right now and get your information. And we'll get back to you and see exactly what the disconnect is. Because that is -- it is unusual.

So I don't know what happened there. And we will find out. We'll get back to you. If you hold on, we can tell you what's going on.

CHAIR RICE: All right. So we are asking him to hold on and be directly connected with staff of the CCRB --

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MR. DARCHE: Yes.

CHAIR RICE: -- to see if they can get that issue resolved. So thank you.

MS. ALVAREZ: Perfect. And Civan, I just sent you a message in the chat, if you can read that. If not, we can e-mail you with your registration information that you provided. Thank you so much.

Next, we will be hearing from -- looks like Mr. Meyers would like to say one more thing.

Michael Meyers.

CHAIR RICE: Mr. Meyers, if you had another comment? Are you still with us?

(No response.)

CHAIR RICE: Okay. Yojaira, can you see if he's still on the line? Can you tell?

MS. ALVAREZ: We'll try to reconnect. In the meantime, the next one on our list is Chad Royer.

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MR. ROYER: Hi. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Chad Royer. I'm Vice Chair in Bronx Community Board 7 in the Bronx. Thank you for having the meeting.

Two quick questions. In the interest of trying to set up an event for -- for a group that may be interested, would that be virtual or would that be in person or would that be a combination of both?

And then the other question that I have is, can you -- can someone file a CCRB complaint against an officer who is off duty?

CHAIR RICE: Sure. Can I ask you to clarify your first question? You were asking about setting up a meeting, an outreach meeting so that people could find out more about the CCRB process? I didn't know what type of event you were speaking of.

MR. ROYER: That's what I mean. If I want to invite CCRB to do an

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event, would it be in person or  
virtual or a combination of both?

CHAIR RICE: Absolutely. Okay.  
Thank you. Thank you for that  
clarification.

Jon?

MR. DARCHE: We can do both. We  
are eager to -- to go out and meet  
folks and talk to them about the  
agency.

And Jahi, if you could put again  
in the chat the ways that -- to reach  
out to you.

And we'll be happy to meet with  
your group, whether it's online, in  
person or both. That's -- that's  
exciting. Thank you.

And then the -- what was your  
second question, sir?

MR. ROYER: Hi. My second  
question was, can someone file a  
complaint against someone --

CHAIR RICE: When they're off  
duty.

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MR. DARCHE: So the agency does not have jurisdiction against officers who are off duty, unless they invoke their authority as a police officer.

That is sometimes a complicated analysis that we do. If you feel that you were the victim of misconduct by an off-duty officer who invoked their authority, I suggest that you actually file a complaint with the agency and let us make the determination.

If it is within our jurisdiction, we will investigate it. And if it's not within our jurisdiction, we will refer it to the department so that they can investigate.

MR. ROYER: Thank you.

CHAIR RICE: Yojaira, are there any other people on the list?

MS. ALVAREZ: We will try Mr. Meyers again. If not, that will conclude the public session.

MR. MEYERS: I'm here. Can you

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hear me?

CHAIR RICE: Yes, we can. Thank you for joining us again, Mr. Meyers.

MR. MEYERS: I tried to say it before. I was -- I was satisfied with the executive director's response to my initial questions.

And as I said to the board earlier, I will see you next month for more than two minutes.

CHAIR RICE: Thank you. Thank you for that. Thank you for acknowledging the response, and we look forward to seeing you next month. Terrific.

Yojaira, does that conclude those who are on our list?

MS. ALVAREZ: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR RICE: Okay. Thank you so much. All right. So the agenda for the executive session is that the board will deliberate on one full board case, and receive an update from the executive director and the general

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counsel.

The executive director will discuss the following three items: One, scheduling issues for panelists on full board cases. An update on pending personnel actions. And the general council will discuss the following updates: An update on current litigation.

Do I have a second to close -- I'm sorry, do I have a motion to close out the February CCRB meeting?

MS. IRISH, ESQ.: So moved.

MR. SIEGAL, ESQ.: Motioned.

CHAIR RICE: And do I have a second?

MR. PUMA: Second.

CHAIR RICE: All right. So moved. Thank you very much, everyone. See you next month.

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