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November 20, 2017

Chief Erika Shields
City of Atlanta Police Department
226 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint of Kursten Hedgis, ACRB File #17-050

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Kursten Hedgis alleging that on April 12, 2017, Atlanta Police Officer Leslie Blasini (Unique ID #3967) was *verbally aggressive* by “yelling” and behaving in a *physically “intimidating”* manner towards her during a traffic stop. Additionally, Ms. Hedgis alleges that Officer Blasini *falsely reported* the location and weather conditions related to the traffic stop.

The Board determined that the **Conduct allegation** against Officer Blasini be assigned a finding of **Sustained**. **The Board is aware that the APD also conducted an investigation into this matter and sustained the allegation against the officer and issued an Oral Admonishment as penalty. The Board disagrees with the penalty imposed and deems that a Written Reprimand and Courtesy Training would have been a more appropriate penalty.**

The Board further determined that the **Appropriate Action Required allegation**, against Officer Blasini be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**.

The file is available for review upon request. The ordinance requires that the Chief respond in writing regarding which recommendations are accepted, rejected, or will be implemented with modifications within thirty (30) days of the submission of a recommendation for action by the Board to the Chief (see Sec. 2-2211(O) of the Ordinance 07-0-0141).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherry Williams'.

Sherry Williams
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Ceasar Mitchell
Members of the Atlanta City Council
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Executive Director Lee Reid