The Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) meeting for the month of June was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Cecilia Torrence.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL
(The ACRB consist of thirteen board members)

ACTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

CECILIA HOUSTON TORRENCE, Board Chair (League of Women Voters)
TAMARA ORANGE, Vice Chair (GA Coalition for the Peoples Agenda)
TRACEE MCDANIEL, Secretary (Office of the Mayor)

TRUDY BOYCE (City Council President’s Office)
JAMES HARDY (APAB, NPU Group A-F)
BARBARA WARD GROVES (APAB, NPU Group M-R)
MICHAEL HOPKINS (APAB, NPU Group M-Z) Arrived @6:43 p.m.

ACTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT
KEITH HASSON (Atlanta Bar Association)

VACANT BOARD SEATS

Gate City Bar Association (one (1) year and one (2) month)
Atlanta Business League (one (1) year and ten (11) months)

ACRB STAFF & CITY EMPLOYEES ATTENDEES

SAMUEL LEE REID, Executive Director (Reid);
SHEENA ROBERTSON, Investigation Manager (Investigator Robertson);
MYOLA SMITH, Project Manager & Transcriber (Smith);
BRIAN FLEMING, Investigator, Senior (Inv. Fleming);
CHARLES CURRY, Public Information Officer (Curry);
STEVEN PARKER, COA Law Department, (Attorney Parker);
LIEUTENANT BRYAN PADEN (Lt. Paden), APD, Office of Professional Standards

Special Note: ACRB staff has made every effort to capture comments as stated by each speaker; however, in some instance the words may have been inaudible and therefore, unable to transcribe verbatim.
In such cases, staff attempted to capture, at best, the essences of the statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL CALL MEETING, MAY 9, 2019

McDaniel moved to approve the minutes. Hardy seconded. Hearing no discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce. Wynn did not vote deciding to abstain without explanation. Motion carried.

POLLING OF THE AUDIENCE

The Chair opened the floor to receive additional information from the public regarding the cases on the agenda. There was no new information presented from the audience for the board to consider; therefore, the Chair continued with the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Board received a written comprehensive report from Director Reid in advance of the meeting. Reid highlighted the following information from the report:

BWC Letter and Board
In response to the board’s instruction, a memorandum was sent to APD encouraging the department to assign BWCs to all officers who have contact with citizens due to their assignments, including those who work extra jobs. APD’s response to the memo was included in the board info packets for the June meeting. A copy of the Board and Chief’s letters are attached to the minutes.

Video Review
Regarding the discussion at the last meeting pertaining to reviewing video footage, Reid suggested the Board appoint someone to review video footage each month. After hearing from practically every member of the board rejecting the suggestion, the procedure for video viewing will not change. Members wishing to review a video, should contact the investigator to schedule a time for viewing.

Quiz Contest Grand Prize Winner
The Grand Prize winner for the Police Interaction Quiz has been selected. Her name is Rebecca Robinson, and she is a city employee with the Audit Department. Special thanks and appreciation to the City’s Cultural Affairs Department and Ms. Camille Love for donating the gifts awarded to the Grand Prize winner.

APD Ride-a-Longs
If board member has not participated in an APD police ride-a-long, please schedule a date.

ACRB Annual Report
The 2018 ACRB Annual Report and Community Survey Report, in summary form, was provided at the May Board Meeting. Reid briefly highlighted information from both reports:

- Annual Report – The Annual Report presented 2018 data in comparison to the last decade when ACRB opened its doors:
  - Complaints Received for 2018 was 135. The highest number of complaints received to date was received in 2016, 184 complaints.
  - Complaints Assigned for Full Investigation - In 2018, 51 complaints were assigned. The year 2016 marked the highest number of complaints for the decade.
  - Completed Investigations – 47 for 2018. The highest number of Completed Investigations to date is 54 complaints in a single year.
- **Investigative Timeline** – For 2018, the time line for an investigation is 265 days. The lowest timeline for the decade is 127 days.
- **Board Decisions** – In 2018 the board determined 39 complaints. The highest number of complaints determined for the year during the decade was 55 complaints in 2017.
- **Sustained Complaints** – In 2018, the board sustained 31% of the complaints. In 2011, 53% of the cases were sustained.
- **APD Response to ACRB Sustained Complaints** – APD sustained 17% of ACRBs sustained complaints. In 2012, APD sustained 60% of ACRB’s sustained complaints.

Reid indicated that he is in the process of meeting with APD Chief and other staff regarding the data as it relates to the numbers in the report. Specifically, citing but not limited to, APD Responses to ACRB Sustained Complaints.

- The Community Survey Report presented a snapshot of opinions pertaining to thoughts on law enforcement officer accountability. Reid indicated that the report is a step beyond anecdotal evidence in ten Atlanta zip codes. Responses were focused on the survey objectives that included the following:
  - trust and confidence in the officer accountability system;
  - measured satisfaction with the ACRB process;
  - potential barriers to citizen participation in the officer accountability system;
  - feedback to aid ACRB outreach and awareness efforts, and
  - initial baselines of citizens satisfaction with the officer accountability systems.

A copy of both the Annual Report and 2018 ACRB Community Survey Report is available on the agency’s website which will provide a deeper understanding of all the data.

**NEW CITY ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO ACRB**

Steven Parker, currently assigned to the ACRB announced the City’s Law Department is going through a reorganization. “It has been deemed that a litigation attorney is more appropriate to staff the Board. My background is in Real Estate. This will be my last meeting and Mr. Winfield Murray will now be staffing the board and I am going to work with Winfield so that the transition will occur smoothly. I want you to know that it has been a pleasure. I took my job seriously and I enjoyed coming here and being of service to this body.”

The Chair and Executive Director expressed appreciation to Mr. Parker for his service. Reid, “We look forward to working with Mr. Murray.”

**For the Record:** Arrival of Michael Hopkins @ 6:43 p.m.

**INTAKE REPORT**

**Investigations Manager Robertson** reported that for the month of May 2019, the ACRB received 18 complaints. The details of the complaints and staff recommendations are listed below:

A. **COMPLAINT DISMISSALS**

1. **ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-042**  
   **Allegation:** Unwarranted Traffic Citation  
   The male complainant alleged that on April 30, 2019, an Atlanta Police Department (APD) officer stopped and cited him for not wearing a seat belt. **Staff recommend dismissal for lack of jurisdiction because it involves a traffic dispute that needs to be resolved in the courts.**

2. **ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-047**  
   **Allegation:** False Arrest
The male complainant alleged that he is constantly getting arrested by the APD, but not within the last six months of the complaint. **Staff recommend dismissal because the complaint is time barred (over 180 days).**

3. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-051  
**Allegation:** False Arrest  
The female complainant alleged that in 2014, she was falsely arrested by APD officers. **Staff recommends dismissal because the complaint is time barred (over 180 days).**

4. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-052  
**Allegation:** Failure to Assist  
The female complainant alleged that on May 2, 2019, Cobb County Police officers failed to assist her with a custody dispute. **Staff recommends dismissal for lack of jurisdiction.**

5. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-055  
**Allegation:** False Arrest  
The male complainant alleged that on May 24, 2019, he was falsely arrested by APD officers. Preliminary investigation revealed that the Complainant was arrested pursuant to an active warrant for failure to appear in Fulton County Superior Court on August 13, 2018 related to a robbery case. **Staff recommends dismissal for lack of merit.**

6. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-056  
**Allegation:** Excessive Force, Abusive Language & Mistreatment  
The female complainant alleged that on February 11, 2019, while incarcerated at the Fulton County Jail, she was physically assaulted, verbally abused and mistreated by the correction officers. **Staff recommends dismissal for lack of jurisdiction.**

7. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-058  
**Allegation:** False Arrest  
The male complainant alleged that in October 2018, he was falsely arrested by APD officers. The incident occurred over 180 days from the date the Complainant filed his complaint; therefore, **staff recommends dismissal because the complaint is time barred.**

8. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-059  
**Allegation:** Inaccurate Traffic Accident Report  
The female complainant alleged that on October 1, 2017, she was involved in an accident with another motorist and the responding APD officer failed to complete an accurate traffic accident report; therefore, **staff recommends dismissal because the complaint is time barred.**  

**Special Note: Dismissed Complaints and Complaints Outside ACRB’s Jurisdiction:**  
It is noted that the proper referrals were given to those citizens whose complaints fall within this category.

**B. AWAITING SIGNED COMPLAINTS (6 out of 18 Complaints)**

1. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-043  
**Allegation:** Failure to Act & False Arrest  
The female Complainant alleged that on January 13, 2019, the APD officer that responded to her 911 assault call failed to provide adequate service. She further alleged that on March 16, 2019, she was falsely arrested by an APD officer.
Awaiting her signed complaint. If the complaint is received within the next few weeks and has merit, **staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required complaint. If it is not received, then recommend dismissal.**

2. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-044  
**Allegation: Unlawfully Stopped, Detained & Searched**  
The male Complainant alleged that on April 23, 2019, he was unlawfully stopped and detained. He further alleges that the officers illegally searched his vehicle and seized $2000 in cash.  
Awaiting his signed complaint. If the complaint is received within the next few weeks and has merit, **staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required complaint. If it is not received, then recommend dismissal.**

3. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-046  
**Allegation: Inadequate Service**  
The male Complainant alleged that on May 2, 2019, he called 911 after he was robbed, and it took two hours for an APD officer to respond.  
Awaiting his signed complaint. If the complaint is received within the next few weeks and has merit, **staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required complaint. If it is not received, then recommend dismissal.**

4. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-048  
**Allegation: Failure to Place Seized Items into APD’s Property Unit**  
The male Complainant alleged that on April 24, 2019, an APD officer confiscated his ID, money and necklace and did not place the items into Property.  
Awaiting his signed complaint. If the complaint is received within the next few weeks and has merit, **staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required complaint. If it is not received, then recommend dismissal.**

5. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-050  
**Allegation: Failure to Take Action, Failure to Provide ID & Abusive Language**  
The female complainant alleged that on March 8, 2018, the APD officer who responded to her 911 assault call, failed to arrest the perpetrator. She further alleged that the officer refused to provide his name and badge number and used profanity towards her.  
Awaiting her signed complaint. If the complaint is received within the next few weeks and has merit, **staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required complaint, Failure to Provide Identification and Abusive Language. If it is not received, then recommend dismissal.**

6. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-054  
**Allegation: Rude Behavior & Failure to Provide Assistance**  
The female Complainant alleged that on May 15, 2019, when she went to the Zone 1 Precinct to speak to an officer about being illegally locked out of her residence by the landlord, Officer Ruiz became rude and unprofessional while speaking with her, and Sgt. Daisy refused to give her an Incident Report.  
Awaiting her signed complaint. If the complaint is received within the next few weeks and has merit, **staff recommends investigation as an Conduct and Appropriate Action Required complaint. If it is not received, then recommend dismissal.**

C. COMPLAINTS THAT ARE SIGNED (4 out of 18 complaints)

1. ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-045  
**Allegation: False Arrest & Excessive Force**
The female Complainant alleged that on May 1, 2019, an APD sergeant falsely arrested her. She further alleged that the sergeant used excessive force during the arrest.

**Staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required and Excessive Force complaint.**

2. **ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-049**  
   **Allegation:** False Arrest & Excessive Force  
The male Complainant alleged that on May 10, 2019, he was falsely arrested by an APD officer. He further alleged that the officer engaged in excessive force during the arrest.  

**Staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required and Excessive Force complaint.**

3. **ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-053**  
   **Allegation:** False Arrest  
Two male Complainants alleged that on May 15, 2019, they were falsely arrested by an APD officer.  

**Staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required complaint.**

4. **ACRB COMPLAINT NO. 19-057**  
   **Allegation:** Inadequate Investigation  
The male Complainant alleged that on May 28, 2019, he was involved in an accident with another motorist and the responding APD officer failed to conduct an adequate investigation.  

**Staff recommends investigation as an Appropriate Action Required complaint.**

D. **COMPLAINT FOR RECONSIDERATION:**

   **ACRB Complaint No. 19-034**  
   **Allegation:** Failure to Take Action  
A male Complainant alleged that on April 6, 2019, APD officers failed to act when they responded to his residence related to a disturbance.  

The Complainant no longer wishes to pursue this matter and withdrew his complaint; therefore, staff recommends dismissal of the complaint.

E. **BOARD VOTES ON INTAKE REPORT**  
   *Pitre* moved to accept the Intake Report for May 2019. *McDaniel* seconded. Hearing no discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by *Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.*

OLD BUSINESS

*No discussion.*

**CASE REVIEWS FOR THE MONTH**

**ACRB CASE NO. 17-069**  
*(Investigated by Brian Fleming)*

The male complainant alleged that on May 15, 2017, Atlanta Police Officers Robert Holmes and Sherrod Stancil engaged in excessive force when they pushed him against a patrol car and slammed him into the backseat of a patrol car.

The Complainant further alleged that Officers Holmes and Stancil left his boots at the precinct and failed to place his lottery tickets, phone charger and other miscellaneous items into APD Property.
A. **ALLEGATION #1 – EXCESSIVE FORCE**

*Issue:* The complainant alleged that Officers Holmes and Stancil engaged in Excessive Force when they pushed him against a patrol car and slammed him into the backseat of a patrol car.

The ACRB staff recommends that the Excessive Force allegation against Officer Holmes and Stancil be assigned a finding of "Unfounded" (the investigation proved that the alleged act(s) did not occur).

**BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO FIND THE ALLEGATION “UNFOUNDED”**

*Boyce* moved to accept staff’s recommendation. *Hopkins* seconded. Following a brief discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by *Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins*.

B. **ALLEGATION #2 – APPROPRIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

*Issue:* The Complainant’s alleged that Officers Holmes and Stancil left his boots at the precinct and failed to place his lottery tickets, phone charger and other miscellaneous items into APD Property.

The ACRB staff recommends that the Appropriate Action Required allegation against Officers Robert Holmes and Sherrod Stancil, related to this issue be assigned a finding of “Unfounded” (the investigation proved the alleged act(s) did not occur).

**BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO FIND THE ALLEGATION “UNFOUNDED”**

*Hawkins-Wynn* moved to accept staff’s recommendation. *McDaniel* seconded. Following a discussion that was centered around the issue of mental health and city policies, the vote was called, and the motion was unanimously by *Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins*.

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**ACRB CASE NO. 18-014**
*(Investigated by Brian Fleming)*

A female Complainant alleged that on November 17, 2017, Atlanta Police Officer Jeffery Davis falsely arrested her. She further alleged that Officer Davis used excessive force when he took her into custody by slamming her onto a patrol car and grabbing her by the neck.

It is also alleged that Officers Davis, Ricardo Eugene and John Hordesky failed to activate their Body Worn Cameras (BWC) during the Complainant’s arrest.

It is further alleged that Officer Dwayne DeJonge failed to keep his BWC activated throughout the duration of the incident involving the Complainant’s arrest.

A. **ALLEGATION #1 – APPROPRIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

❖ The Complainant alleged that Officer Davis falsely arrested her.

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Appropriate Action Required related to the False Arrest claim against Officer Jeffery Davis be assigned a finding of “Exonerated” (the investigation established that the alleged acts occurred but were justified, legal or proper with Department policy).

**BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*Boyce* moved to accept staff’s recommendation of “Exonerated”. *Williams* seconded. Hearing no discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by *Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins*. 

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B. ALLEGATION #2 – EXCESSIVE FORCE

❖ The Complainant alleged that Officer Davis used excessive force when he took her into custody by slamming her onto a patrol car and grabbing her by the neck.

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Excessive Force against Officer Jeffery Davis be assigned a finding of “Exonerated” (the investigation established that the alleged acts occurred but were justified, legal or proper with Department policy).

BOARD DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDATION AGAINST OFFICER DAVIS

McDaniel moved to accept the staff recommendation of “Exonerated”. Ward-Groves seconded. Hearing no discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.

C. ALLEGATION #3 – VIOLATION OF DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The investigation revealed that Officers Jeffery Davis, John Hordesky and Ricardo Eugene failed to activate their BWCs during the incident as per APD.SOP.3133, Section 4.3.2.

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures against the aforementioned officers be assigned a finding of “Sustained” (the investigation established by a preponderance of the evidence that the officers committed the alleged acts of misconduct).

BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO SUSTAIN ALLEGATION AGAINST THREE OFFICERS

Williams moved to accept the staff recommendation of “Sustained” against Officers Davis, Hordesky and Eugene. Hardy seconded. Hearing no discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.

As it pertains to Officer Dwayne DeJonge, he activated his BWC upon his arrival at the scene and kept it activated until the Complainant was placed into custody. Therefore, the ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures against Officer DeJonge be assigned a finding of “Exonerated” (the investigation established that the alleged act(s) occurred but were justified, legal or proper with Department policy).

BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO EXONERATE OFFICER DEJONGE

Hawkins-Wynn moved to accept the staff recommendation of “Exonerated” against Officer Dwayne DeJonge. McDaniel seconded. Hearing no discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.

D. OFFICER DISCIPLINARY HISTORY AND BOARD VOTES TO DISCIPLINE ON SUSTAIN ALLEGATION AGAINST THREE OFFICERS

Officers Davis, Hordesky and Eugene disciplinary history was reviewed by Investigator Fleming and the disciplinary action falls under a Category A.

Williams moved to recommend an oral admonishment for all three officers, since this was early in the introduction stage of BWCs. Orange seconded. Following some discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.
A female Complainant alleged that on April 19, 2018, Atlanta Police Sergeant Michael Wulf engaged in Excessive Force when he ordered an officer to bust out her front passenger side window and forcibly removed her from the vehicle.

The Complainant further alleged that Atlanta Police Officer Dwayne Thomas failed to submit some of her personal belongings into APD’s Property Control Unit.

A. ALLEGATION #1 – EXCESSIVE FORCE ALLEGATION

❖ The complainant alleged that Sergeant Wulf engaged in Excessive Force when he ordered the officers to bust out her vehicle’s front passenger side window and forcibly remove her from it.

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Excessive Force against Sergeant Michael Wulf be assigned a finding of Exonerated (the investigation established that the alleged act(s) occurred but were justified, legal or proper with Department policy).

BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Boyce moved to accept staff’s recommendation of “Exonerated.” Hardy seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.

B. ALLEGATION #2 – VIOLATION OF DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

❖ The complainant alleged that Officer Dewayne Thomas failed to submit some of her personal belongings into APD’s Property Control Unit.

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures against Officer Dewayne Thomas as it pertains to this issue, be assigned a finding of “Unfounded” (the investigation proved that the alleged act(s) did not occur).

BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF UNFOUNDED AGAINST OFFICER THOMAS
Hawkins-Wynn moved to accept staff’s recommendation of “Unfounded.” Hardy seconded. Following the discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.

ACRB CASE NO. 18-071
(Investigated by Sheena Robertson)

The Complainant alleged that on June 23, 2018, while in front of Truth Lounge, Atlanta Special Police Officer (SPO) Anthony Pitts engaged in excessive force when he grabbed him by the neck, choked him and tried to slam him onto the ground.

A. ALLEGATION #1 – EXCESSIVE FORCE

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Excessive Force against SPO Anthony Pitts as it relates to Excessive Force be assigned a finding of “Not Sustained” (the investigation failed to prove or disprove that the officer committed the alleged act(s)).
BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Orange moved to accept staff’s recommendation as it pertains to the allegation of “Excessive Force.” Pitre seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved by Orange, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins. There was one vote against from McDaniel. Motion carried.

B. ALLEGATION #2 – VIOLATION OF DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES – Part I

The investigation determined that SPO Pitts failed to activate his Body Worn Camera (BWC) and record his encounter with Mr. Bonney as per APD.SOP.3133, Sections 4.3.4 (14) & 3.10.

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures against SPO Anthony Pitts be assigned a finding of “Sustained” (the investigation established by a preponderance of the evidence that the officer committed the alleged act(s) of misconduct).

BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Hardy moved to accept staff’s recommendation to Sustain the allegation as it pertains to this issue. Hopkins seconded. Following a comment and no further discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.

C. ALLEGATION #3 – VIOLATION OF DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES – Part II

The investigation determined that SPO Pitts did not have an extra job permit on file that authorized him to work at the Truth Lounge as per APD.SOP.2060, Section 4.1.1.

The ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures as it relates to this issue against SPO Anthony Pitts be assigned a finding of “Sustained” (the investigation established by a preponderance of the evidence that the officer committed the alleged act(s) of misconduct).

BOARD VOTES ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
McDaniel moved to accept staff’s recommendation to Sustain allegation against SPO Pitts as it pertains to this issue. Williams seconded.

Comment for the Record: Wynn: This is clearly one of those situations again, where everybody involved knows this person has mental health issues. It just seems to me that they would not take him to Fulton County jail. For the record, this is a prime case, in my opinion, where everybody on the scene is saying he has mental health issues and nine (9) days in jail crowded jail in Fulton County, time served for terroristic threats.

Follow-up comment: Pitre: I think we are operating under the assumption that the jail does not have nurses and mental care facilities, and that is not the case. It does. They have a classification department that classifies individuals. When they notice something, they will put them in a specialized unit for their safety and care.

Hearing no further discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Wynn, Hopkins.
Comment for the Record: McDaniel indicated that as it pertains to the allegation of Excessive Force against SPO Anthony Pitts, she would like to note for the record that she wished to change her vote from against to approval of staff recommendation to Not Sustain the allegation.

D. OFFICER DISCIPLINARY HISTORY AND BOARD VOTE TO DISCIPLINE PERTAINING TO ALLEGATION OF VIOLATION OF DEPARTMENT SOP, PART-I

Investigation Manager Robertson reported that upon review of Special Police Officer Anthony Pitts disciplinary history, both of the Sustained allegations against him, fall under a Category A violation.

In the past five years, SPO Pitts has had four complaints against him (firearm discharge, citizen complaint dealing with recovered property (not sustain), violation of a pursuit policy (sustained) and another involved a domestic issue between the officer and his fiancé (exonerated).

Orange moved recommend a written reprimand against SPO Pitts as it pertains to this issue of the BWC. Pitre seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the vote was called, and the motion was approved by Orange, McDaniel, Hardy, Williams, Groves, Pitre, Boyce, Hawkins-Wynn, Hopkins.

E. BOARD VOTE TO DISCIPLINE PERTAINING TO ALLEGATION OF VIOLATION OF DEPARTMENT SOP, PART-II

Hawkins-Wynn moved to recommend an Oral Admonishment against SPO Pitts as it pertains to Extra Job Permit. Hardy seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the vote was called, and Orange, Hardy, Boyce, Hawkins-Wynn voted to approve. Five members voted against: Pitre, McDaniel, Ward-Groves, William, Hopkins. Motion failed.

Williams moved to recommend a written reprimand and SOP training. McDaniel seconded. Hearing some discussion, the vote was called and Orange, Boyce, Pitre, McDaniel, Ward-Groves, William, Hopkins voted to approve. Two members: Hardy and Hawkins-Wynn voted against. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
/Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes."

One person signed up to make a comment.

Jamida Orange
“In all seriousness, we discuss the mental health part a lot. What you all are trying to describe is a Peace Officer pick-up as it relates to a 1013. As we were told in the training, the only way they could take them to Grady is if they are committing a crime. There is a thin line between someone who is mentally ill verses someone who is “cutting a fool.” A lot of times, a person who is mentally ill knows how to pull off the biggest con. I worked in that field and deal with mental health. Because the mentally ill have rights and those rights can sometimes be detrimental to them and their family, the public needs to lobby our state legislators to gain more power to assist them further. They have the right to be mentally ill and to automatically take them to Grady is an infringement on their rights. Also, for your information, jails do have mental care facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

No discussion.
Final comments…

Orange: I want to commend the Mayor and Chief Shields for pulling APD from the U.S. Marshall. I think it is a step in the right direction for citizens who are asking for transparency. I realize everyone is not happy about this, but I want to commend them for doing this.

Jazz Festival: The Chair thanked all the board members who came out to support the outreach effort. Members who joined the Chair at the event are Williams, Hardy, Groves-Ward, and Hawkins-Wynn. The Chair also thanked members of the staff: Curry and Smith for setting up the tent and assisting along with several IST members. Between the Board, staff and IST team, that weekend, two major annual festivals were covered by ACRB.

Freaknik: Hawkins-Wynn reported on the return of Freaknik to Atlanta. The event is scheduled to take place in approximately two weeks. Hawkins-Wynn emphasized that this time around, and unlike historically what Freaknik has become known for, the 2019 event will be more community focused. The community projects will be held at the South Bend Park and the Freaknik festival will be held at the Lakewood Amphitheatre. The promoters have reported that so far more than 11,000 tickets have been sold. Hawkins-Wynn is currently talking with staff about the agency having a presence at the events.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Williams to adjourn the meeting. Hawkins-Wynn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.