

Cleveland Community Police Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Minutes

April 12, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Historic Dunham Tavern Barn, 6709 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103

Chair pro tem Wang, presiding, gavels in at 6:00.

Attendance roll call:

Adams – present
Benito – present
Chura – present
Donaldson – present
Earley – absent (excused)
Garrett-Ferguson – present
Kennedy – present
van Lier – present
Reaves – present
Ridgeway – present
Rodriguez – present
Zayed – present
Wang – present

Lauren Hansgen, Executive Director of the Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens, welcomed everyone who attended and was watching at home and gave a brief overview of the history of the site

Chair pro tem Wang moves to adopt the minutes for the last meeting, seconded by van Lier and Benito.

Vote to adopt the minutes:

**Adams – aye
Benito – aye
Chura – aye
Donaldson – aye
Earley – absent
Garrett-Ferguson – aye
Kennedy – aye
van Lier – aye
Reaves – aye**

Ridgeway – aye
Rodriguez – aye
Zayed – aye
Wang – aye

Motion passes 12-0

First public comment period (in order of appearance)

Kareem Henton expressed his hope that the Commissioners would choose Co-chairs who were most qualified for the job as opposed to just who is the most popular.

Muriel Riggins commented on a wellness program that people should consider.

Members of the Ad-hoc Committee, Donaldson and Kennedy, explained the voting procedures to elect the Commission's two Co-chairs. Each Commissioner has two votes and will select two candidates from the list of Commissioners who are running. The two candidates with the highest number of votes are elected Co-chairs. The election follows the procedures outlined in the CPC Operations Manual § 1.4.4. Before the roll call vote, the candidates gave brief remarks in alphabetical order.

Adams
Benito
Reaves
Ridgeway
Rodriguez
Wang

Donaldson initiates the vote for Co-chairs.

Commissioners votes for Co-chairs:

Kennedy: Ridgeway, Benito
Chura: Ridgeway, Wang
Benito: Ridgeway, Benito
Garrett-Ferguson: Adams, Rodriguez
van Lier: Ridgeway, Reaves
Wang: Benito, Wang
Donaldson: Ridgeway, Rodriguez
Zayed: Reaves, Wang
Reaves: Reaves, Ridgeway
Rodriguez: Rodriguez, Ridgeway
Ridgeway: Rodriguez, Ridgeway
Adams: Adams, Rodriguez

Results

Adams: 2
Benito: 3
Reaves: 3
Ridgeway: 8
Rodriguez: 5
Wang: 3

Ridgeway and Rodriguez are elected Co-chairs.

Reports from Committees

Training (Donaldson): nothing to report out at this times

Budget & Grants (Co-chair Rodriguez and Adams): discussed how the last Committee meetings had focused on the idea of flexibility with the grant making process, and that a work group consisting of Commissioners and staff were developing the exact policies and procedures for issuing grants.

Rules (Wang): Had rules ready for the Commission ready to adopt: Section 2.8 concerning public statements, Section 2.x concerning the CPC's maintenance of a publically available Brady Giglio List, and 2.x concerning expenditure and oversight.

Commissioners had a discussion over whether or not to include the signatures of all Commissioners on statements and if dissenting opinions should be added to the report.

Co-Chair Ridgeway made a motion to vote on Section 2.x, related to the Brady Giglio List. van Lier seconded the motion.

Adams – aye
Benito – aye
Chura – aye
Donaldson – aye
Earley – absent
Garrett-Ferguson – aye
Kennedy – aye
van Lier – aye
Reaves – aye
Ridgeway – aye
Rodriguez – aye
Zayed – aye
Wang – aye

Motion passes 12-0

The Commissioners resume their public discussion on including descending signatures on public statements and the possible inclusion of dissenting opinions in reports. They discussed the idea of a

united front and issues regarding a majoritarian versus consensus based decision making process. There was some back and forth about the Rules regarding when proposed changes to Rules can be adopted that were not voted on in committee, for clarification they cannot be.

Co-chair Ridgeway made a motion to table rule 2.8, regarding public statements and send it back to the Rules Committee. Donaldson seconded the motion.

Adams – aye
Benito – aye
Chura – aye
Donaldson – aye
Earley – absent
Garrett-Ferguson – aye
Kennedy – aye
van Lier – aye
Reaves – aye
Ridgeway – aye
Rodriguez – aye
Zayed – aye
Wang – aye

Motion passes 12-0

van Lier made a motion to adopt Section 2.x concerning expenditure and budget oversight. Benito seconded the motion.

Adams – aye
Benito – aye
Chura – aye
Donaldson – aye
Earley – absent
Garrett-Ferguson – aye
Kennedy – aye
van Lier – aye
Reaves – aye
Ridgeway – aye
Rodriguez – aye
Zayed – aye
Wang – aye

Motion passes 12-0

New business

Two reports were then presented to the Commission, by Senior Policy Analyst Ryan M. Walker. The first of these focused on recent Ohio legislation that would lower the minimum age of police officers from 21 to 19, which will be posted online soon, called *Memorandum on lowering the minimum age of police*

officers in Ohio. The report was the *Quantification of the 12th Monitor's Semiannual Report* available here: <https://clecpc.org/wp-content/uploads/Quantification-of-Monitors-12th-Semiannual-Report-April-2023.pdf> .

Co-chair Rodriguez moved to adopt the recommendations from the *Memorandum on lowering the minimum age of police officers in Ohio*. Co-chair Ridgeway seconded the motion.

Adams – aye
Benito – aye
Chura – aye
Donaldson – aye
Earley – absent
Garrett-Ferguson – aye
Kennedy – aye
van Lier – aye
Reaves – aye
Ridgeway – aye
Rodriguez – aye
Zayed – aye
Wang – aye

Motion passes 12-0

Second public comment period (in order of appearance)

Loh suggested that the Commission should speak with one voice as previous iterations of the Commission had seen their disagreements play out in public in a detrimental way.

Richard Jackson stressed the importance of Work Groups and Committees as places where disagreements get worked out, as they were the work horses of previous Commissions.

Rosie Palfy expressed concern about how the Commission handled its voting procedures and expressed concern over how some Commissioners might use dissent to derail commission work. She also expressed her hope that the CPC and ADAMHS Board can work together on these issues, and that maybe the ADAMHS Board should be under the supervision of the CPC.

Muriel Riggins expressed concern that it took so long to discuss these issues.

Adjourned by Chair pro tem Wang at 8:30.