

Cleveland Community Police Commission

Full Commission Meeting Minutes



Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Special Meeting

Meeting Date, Time and Location

Meeting Date: December 13, 2023

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Burten Bell Carr Development, Inc.,
7201 Kinsman Rd #104, Cleveland, OH 44104

This regular meeting of the Cleveland Community Police Commission was called to order on December 13 at 6:00 PM By Cochair Ridgeway.

Attendance roll call:

- Adams – present
- Benito – present
- Chura – present
- Donaldson – present
- Earley – present
- Garrett-Ferguson – present, arrived
- Kennedy – present
- Reaves – present
- Ridgeway – present
- Rodriguez – present
- van Lier – present
- Wang – present
- Zayed – present

Quorum established: yes

New Business

- Co-chair Rodriguez gave a presentation outlining the CPC's work and accomplishments in 2023.
- Chief Wayne Drummond and District Commanders attended the meeting to discuss the progress made in their respective District Policing Committees (DPCs) towards being in compliance with the Consent Decree, per ¶ 26. DPCs are meant to be one of the conduits for CPOP, where residents bring attention to issues in their communities and police inform the public of what they have been working on.
 - Chief Wayne Drummond gave an introduction, and took questions from Commissioners.
 - Commander Jarod Schlacht spoke about the work of the First District DPC
 - Commander Thomas A. Stacho spoke about the work of the Second District DPC
 - Commander Robert Tucker spoke about the work of the Third District DPC.
 - Commander Mo Brown spoke about the work of the Fourth District DPC.

- Commander Johnny Johnson spoke about the work of the Fifth District DPC

Citizen Questions

(These are all paraphrased)

Citizen: why are officers with serious violations still promoted?

Chief: I cannot speak to individual cases.

Citizen: why are the police inconsistent when dealing with homeless?

Chief: we respond to calls for service, we don't treat people differently.

Citizen: what are you doing to help Black kids?

Chief: there are programs and resources for youth.

Citizen: an officer was found to have committed domestic abuse, and the citizen just wants accountability.

Safety Director: *response was not audible*

Citizen: what are you going to do to reach out to churches?

Chief: District Commanders do have relationships with pastors in those districts.

Citizen: why has the CPC not hired an outside attorney yet?

Co-chair: we are in the process of it.

Wang motioned to extend the meeting; Earley seconded. The meeting could not be extended because of the agreement the CPC had with the building's owner.

Public Comments

Citizen: the meeting needs to tighten up, this is embarrassing.

Citizen: expressed frustration with the CPC's behavior and progress.

Citizen: the CPC needs to use its enforcement power.

Citizen: the CPC has had growing pains, and those issues need to be resolved, expressed concern about diluting the Commission's power and authority.

Citizen: suggested that several commissioners should resign.

Citizen: the arguing is distressing.

Citizen: Commissioners should not speak to the citizens in a condescending way.

Citizen: suggested several commissioners should resign.

Citizen: this commission is a joke.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.