

**Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Name: Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board Meeting

Meeting Date: 01/25/23

Meeting Called to Order: 5:34 PM

Location: City Hall, Room 301

Virtual? No **Public Input Requested or Received?** No

Voting Member Attendees:

X	Cassie Evans	X	Kiana Sims	X	Timothy Pierce-Tomlin
X	Sarah Halstead	X	Felix Bell	X	Lane Pratt
X	Devante Jones	X	Jocelyn Crumpton	X	Omar Reid

Voting Members Leaving Before End of Meeting & Time of Departure (if applicable):

Omas Reid arrived at 5:37pm

Staff / Ex-Officio Attendees:

X	Commissioner Dexter Fisher		Sherrie Hines		Warden Covington
	Chief Jerry Saulters	X	Josh Edwards		
	Chief Mark Pulliam		Sheriff Williams		

Other participants present:

Mayor Kelly Girtz

Deputy Chief Harrison Daniel was present for ACCPD

Austin Jackson was present as assistant city attorney

Items Discussed:

1. Chair Evans opened the meeting
2. Minutes were approved

3. Announcements: Bylaws and job description was sent out to GOC and M+C. Received a response from Commissioner Thornton and Commissioner Myers. Suggestions from Commissioners will be sent out via email.
4. Mayor Kelly Girtz:
 - a. Feb: The city will post the Auditor position, and the Mayor will assign Bylaws and job descriptions to the GOC
 - b. How do we make meaning over the next couple of months until the city hires Monitor position? Community engagement. What's the range of activities the board wants to accomplish and the tools needed to get there? Use Josh to communicate with the Mayor's office
 - c. Auditor budget: 350K. Budget gets formalized 2nd week of June
 - d. Interview process: Because it's for a charter officer (Auditor position), only city staff can participate in the interview. There will be two Commissioners in the interview. The board can submit some interview questions, yet no mechanism to ensure that questions are asked or what applicants' responses are. Mayor Girtz suggested that the Board creates scenarios to include in the interview. Board members shared concerns about refusing the Board access and the bureaucratic process.
 - e. What are the next steps other than community engagement? Pratt shared concerns that there will be a lull in the work of the Board until Monitor is hired. What are the larger systemic issues? (Are we providing the training we need? Are we reviewing in aggregate?)
 - f. CCSD police officers are a separate division from ACCPD, and Board doesn't have jurisdiction over them. CCSD SRO shares information with ACCPD.
 - g. Social Media: Public Information Office runs the city's social media account. The board can use city social media to promote events.
 - h. Community Engagement: Youth Advisory Board will start again in Fall 2023

5. Commissioner Fisher

- a. Shared some of his concerns about some items in the job description
- b. GOC is a public meeting. The next meeting is Monday, Feb 20th at 1pm at City Hall.

Commissioner Davenport is the chair.

6. Debrief

7. Next steps:

- a. Survey: AADM collected data from public input when the task force was meeting in 2021
- b. Scenario questions
- c. Events/Outreach list
- d. Ways to document complaints. Deputy Chief Daniels reminded the group that complaints and misconduct are different. He requests that the Board communicates with ACCPD when misconducts are reported

Votes Taken with Motion / Second / Results (Unanimous or Number of Yes / No Votes and names) (if applicable):

- Timothy Pierce-Tomlin motioned to approve the 12.21.22 minutes. Kiana Sims seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- Cassie Evans motioned to add a debrief to the agenda. Timothy Pierce-Tomlin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn made by: Timothy Pierce-Tomlin

Seconded by: Felix Bell

Result: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned:7:19 PM

Minutes Drafted By: *Jocelyn Crumpton*