

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.  
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Cannon  
Erik Feldmanis  
Kevin Lowry  
Thomas Markert  
Ann Stacey-Wright

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Russ Mager, Chief of Police  
Lawonda Warren, Police Legal Advisor  
Beatrice Screciu, Executive Admin Asst.

**STAFF ABSENT:**

**GUEST OTHERS:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the board and staff introduced themselves.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**4. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Mr. Erik Feldmanis to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Paul Cannon. Said motion passed unanimously.

**5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Feldmanis and Mr. Paul Cannon made a motion to elect themselves as the chair of the board. Motion to elect Mr. Cannon as the chair was seconded by Mr. Kevin Lowry and Mr. Thomas Markert. Said motion passed. Motion to elect Mr. Feldmanis as vice chair was seconded by Ms. Ann Stacey-Wright.

Mr. Cannon made a motion to nominate Mr. Feldmanis as vice-chair for the board, seconded by Ms. Stacey-Wright. Said motion passed anonymously. Mr. Cannon was elected as the chair and Mr. Feldmanis was elected as the vice-chair.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2023:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 10, 2023, by Mr. Feldmanis which was seconded by Mr. Markert. Said motion passed unanimously.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Willie Potts residing at 600 Lindell Blvd. Apt. 107 A, in Delray Beach made a comment regarding felony stops policy and seeking guidance on this topic.

Mr. Neil Donovan residing at 1063 East Heritage Club Circle in Delray Beach made a comment regarding the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Angela Burns thanked the board members for their service.

**8. CHIEF OF POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Mager provided the board with an update on Part One Crimes.

- No homicides in January of 2023 and 2024.
- Four sex crimes reported in January of 2023 and two in January of 2024, which is a decrease of 50%.
- Four robberies in January of 2023 and four robberies in January of 2024.
- 18 reported aggravated assaults/battery incidents in January of 2023 and 16 reported aggravated assaults/battery incidents in January of 2024.
- Overall, there was a 15.38% decrease in persons crime in January of 2024 (22) versus January of 2023 (26).
- A decrease of 41.18% in burglary incidents in January of 2024 (10) versus January of 2023 (17).
- A decrease of 33.68% in larceny incidents in January of 2024 (128) versus January of 2023 (193).
- An increase of 61.54% in motor vehicle thefts in January of 2024 (21) versus January of 2023 (13). This is contributed to key fobs being left in the vehicles and not vehicles being left unlocked.
- Overall, there was a 28.70% decrease in property crime in January of 2024 (159) versus January of 2023 (223).
- There were 166 adult arrests and three juvenile arrests initiated in January 2024.
- A total of 13 Traffic Homicide Investigations in 2023.

**Internal Affairs Update**

Chief Mager provided members of the board with a brief overview of the Internal Affairs Monthly report for January 2024.

Current and previous year comparison of Supervisory Review and Internal Affairs cases initiated:

- Cases opened January 1, 2024 – January 31, 2024 = 1 internally and 0 externally initiated
- Cases opened January 1, 2023 – January 31, 2023 = 3 internally and 0 externally initiated

There was one case that was closed in January of 2024, which resulted in two written reprimands. There were no coaching or Merit Reviews in January of 2024 versus one Merit Review in January of 2023.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:** – none

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2024 POLICE ADVISORY BYLAWS:**

The updated bylaws were provided to members of the board and a discussion was held. The board approved bylaws and will be forwarded to Commission for approval. A motion to approve bylaws was made by Mr. Markert seconded by Ms. Stacey-Wright. Mr. Feldamis made a motion to be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion regarding the frequency of the meeting.

**B. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

Ms. Warren reviewed the duties and responsibilities with members of the board.

11. **DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

Mr. Markert made a motion to request approval from the City Manager to have additional meetings, seconded by Ms. Stacey-Wright. Motion carried four to one. Members of the board to discuss the updated brochure for the Police Advisory Board, Felony Stops and Vehicle Pursuit Policy Review, and board participation at city sponsored events during the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2024.

12. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Stacey-Wright invited board members to attend the Elders’s Breakfast every Thursday morning at 9:00 at 33 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Lowry commented on Mr. Potts’ comment. Mr. Cannon discussed the possibility of hosting another Training Day event at Seacrest Training Facility.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 06:51 p.m.

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Beatrice Screciu, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Liaison

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Police Advisory Board and the information provided herein are the minutes of the meeting of said Police Advisory Board of February 12, 2024, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on May 13, 2024.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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