

Police Commission Meeting August 11, 2021 6:30pm

Present:

Mark Ferguson (Glendale Police Chief)

Joe Zancanaro (Chair)

Mary Viergutz (Commissioner)

Paul Kranz (Vice Chair)

Tomika Vukovic (Commissioner)

Eric Zentner (Secretary)

Rebecca Boyle (city attorney)

Rob Cronwell (citizen)

Ben Barth of the Labor Assn. of Wisconsin

Anita, court reporter

Officer Burkhart, Glendale Police Department

Officer Poetzl, Glendale Police Department

Officer Jaimie Byrnes, Glendale Police department

Captain Rhett Fugman, Glendale Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to remove the word “zoom” since the meeting was in person. Minutes were approved unanimously with this amendment.

Chief Ferguson reported that he sent the commission the Organizational Study of the Glendale Police Department including a lot of recommendations that have already been done or they are planning to do, and he would be happy to give us updates on the progress of these plans.

Tomika mentioned that we, as a commission, need to look especially at the recommendations to the commission. Joe asked Tomika to send those specific sections to the secretary who will send them along to the whole commission.

Paul asked that in the future, if they do hearings on this, they should notify us ahead of time so we, the commission, could be there. The chief responded that he thought they were planning to do additional presentations for the city council and the police commission. Paul asked who determines what the commission has authority over, and the chief said that this is outlined by state statute.

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT HEARING:**

The complainant did not show up nor did she call the police department, and Chief Ferguson checked the parking lot at 6:45 and did not see her. Eric suggested that we call her. Joe made the point that she was supposed to be here, and that this is her responsibility, that we have fulfilled our obligations. Eric agreed but said that he just wanted to make it a little less likely that she would complain. Tomika asked if we could dismiss with prejudice. Rebecca said we

probably could not; it would be procedural, not on the merits and that the complainant could refile the complaint.

Joe Called for the hearing to begin and asked if the complainant was here to present the complaint at 7:03pm (the meeting had started at 6:30). This matter was previously scheduled last week, but the complainant requested it be postponed. The board granted her adjournment and conferred with her to establish this time and location, and she agreed to these. She was also sent a written notice of this new time and location. It was observed that the current weather outside the city hall would not prevent someone from coming here.

Joe moved that we dismiss the case without prejudice. Tomika seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Please see attorney Rebecca Boyle's report on this matter below.)

The hearing was then closed at 7:07pm.

We then discussed dates for a presentation by Matrix regarding the Organizational Study of the Glendale Police Department. We decided that September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm works for the commission, so the chief will ask them to present to us by zoom on September 1st, 2021 at 6:30pm central time.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm . Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Zentner  
Secretary

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In Re the Matter of the Citizen Complaint of Valettamarie Campbell

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**FINDING**

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The above-captioned matter having come on for hearing before the Commission on August 11, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., and the complainant, Valettamarie Campbell, having failed to appear on that date and time, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. Hearing on the citizen complaint was originally scheduled on August 4, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.
2. The Complainant was provided proper written notice of the August 4, 2021 hearing date and time.
3. At approximately 5:00 P.M. on August 4, 2021, the Complainant, Valettamarie Campbell made telephone contact with the Glendale Police Department and requested an adjournment.
4. The Commission having duly considered such request, adjourned the proceedings to August 11, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.
5. The Complainant, Valettamarie Campbell, participated by phone during the proceedings and approved and confirmed her availability for the rescheduled hearing date.
6. Following the rescheduling, the Complainant was again provided with written notice of the August 11, 2021 adjourned hearing date.
7. On August 11, 2021, the hearing in the above matter was duly called at 7:03 P.M. with no appearance having been made by the complainant.

Therefore, the Complainant, Valettamarie Campbell, having failed to appear as set forth above, the Complaint in this matter is hereby dismissed.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2021.

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Commissioner Joseph Zancanaro