

***BALTIMORE POLICE INCIDENT OF
NOVEMBER 15, 2017
INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD
MEETING 2 MINUTES – OPEN SESSION***

Meeting Date: 05/15/2018

Meeting Location: DLA Piper Office

Attendance

Name	Title	Organization	Present
James CHIPS Stewart*	Director, Public Safety	CNA	Y
James Chip Coldren*	Managing Director	CNA	Y
Rick Fuentes*	Superintendent (ret.)	New Jersey State Police	Y
Peter Modafferri*	Chief (ret.)	Rockland County District Attorney's Office	Y
Charles Scheeler*	Senior Counsel	DLA Piper	Y
Marvin Sydnor*	Detective (ret.)	Baltimore City Police Department	Y
Gary Childs*	Private Detective	Dunlaw Investigations and Consulting	Y
Samantha Rhinerson**	Research Specialist	CNA	Y
Veronica Hoban**	Executive Assistant	CNA	Y
James Lloyd	Detective Sergeant	Baltimore Police Department	Y
Mark Dewire	Chief Solicitor	Baltimore City Law Department	Y
TJ Smith	Chief, Public Information	Baltimore Police Department	Y
Ian Dombrowski	Major	Baltimore Police Department	Y
Thomas Jackson	Sergeant	Baltimore Police Department	Y
Lisa Walden	Assistant Solicitor	Baltimore City Law Department	Y

* Independent Review Board

** Staff

*** Participated telephonically

Meeting Location:

DLA Piper Office, TransAmerica Building
Marbury Conference Room
100 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Meeting Start: 9:30 a.m.

Agenda

Introduction (IN OPEN SESSION)

Mr. James "CHIPS" Stewart introduced himself and TJ Smith from the BPD. The Acting Commissioner was unable to attend as he was in DC to attend the inscription of Sean Suiter's name on the memorial wall. Mr. Smith noted that this is not an investigation, but a review of the incident that occurred in November. The mission is to provide the Baltimore Police Department with recommendations regarding the Sean Suiter incident and investigation. Mr. Stewart remarked that the mission of the IRB has not changed due to changes in the department.

Overview of Progress from First Meeting (In Open Session)

Mr. Stewart noted that this is the second IRB meeting and the Board has made significant progress since the first meeting. There are hundreds of electronic files to review. Each Board member has a topic that they are responsible for investigating related to this review. The IRB has made a field visit to the crime scene, to better understand the scene, context and dimensions. An

independent review of the forensic evidence has been conducted. Several interviews have also been conducted. The Special Investigations Response Team will present to the Board on their policies, procedures, and training today. The meeting will also follow-up with the homicide investigators. The BPD comprehensive investigative approach will also be reviewed, specifically the community engagement aspect and the integrated command approach.

Mr. Stewart took the following questions from the media:

Media: What are your concerns with how the neighborhood was handled during the investigation? Mr. Stewart noted that interviews with individuals who were present at the scene will be conducted.

Media: Do you have any updates on the Detective Suiter investigation? Mr. Stewart noted that the IRB is currently analyzing data.

Media: Do you have any opinion on the quality of the investigations? Mr. Stewart: We do not have an opinion yet because we are looking to obtain additional information

Media: Do the materials you've been provided provide any information on the federal investigations? Mr. Stewart noted that they only have tangential information.

Media: What information are you seeking from the homicide detectives? Mr. Stewart stated that the Board member have a series of questions that they are prepared to ask. The Board also has questions regarding the security evidence video.

Media: If a major question emerges in the investigations regarding a witness, are you able to interview them? Mr. Stewart stated that the Board is able to interview witnesses, but they are unable to compel testimony.

Mr. Stewart again stated that the IRB will meet four times. This is the second meeting. An agenda will be posted online. Meeting minutes from the open portion of the previous meeting, which introduces the Board, biographies of the board members, and the Maryland Open Records Act with documentation will be posted online shortly.

*Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the first IRB meeting. Mr. Rick Fuentes made the motion to approve. Mr. Peter Modafferri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Members in favor: All Members Opposed: None.***

Open Meeting Legislative Session Requirements (In Executive Session)

*Mr. Stewart asked if there were any additional questions with the understanding that the review is complex in nature. He explained that the open meeting would be moved to closed session due to seeking legal advice as well as to protect the privacy of individuals and review the homicide investigation. Mr. Stewart moved to close the session for the above listed reasons as well as for those described in Attachment B. Mr. Peter Modafferri and Mr. Gary Childs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Members in favor: All Members Opposed: None.***

Interview/Follow-up with Sgt. James Lloyd (In Executive Session)

Adjournment

*Mr. Scheeler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fuentes seconded this motion. Mr. Stewart requested a vote from the Board to adjourn, which passed unanimously. **Members in favor: All**
Members Opposed: None.*

Meeting End: 18:00

Next Meeting: June 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the DLA Piper Office