



City of Richmond

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Standing Committee

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

12:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – Virtual Meeting

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair
The Honorable Kim Gray – Vice Chair
The Honorable Chris Hilbert –Member
The Honorable Michael Jones – Councilor (*early departure*)
Meghan Brown, Deputy Council Chief of Staff
Richard Hill, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Jamie Isley, Assistant City Clerk
Pamela Nichols, Assistant City Clerk
Candice Reid, City Clerk
Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order

Chairwoman Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., and presided.

Electronic Meeting Announcement

Assistant City Clerk Jamie Isley, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as amended by Ordinance No. 2020-183, adopted August 20, 2020, announced the meeting would be held through electronic communication means. Assistant City Clerk Isley stated notice of the meeting was provided to the public through a public information advisory issued on October 20, 2020, and through Legistar on the city website in accordance with usual practice. She also stated members of the public were encouraged to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting and all comments received prior to 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, were provided to committee members. Ms. Isley indicated that members of the public who signed up to speak and provide comment would be called to speak at the appropriate time.

Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Assistant City Clerk Jamie Isley provided the citizen speaker guidelines.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Tuesday, September 29, 2020, and the committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols reviewed board applications for consideration by the committee.

Vice Chair Kim Gray informed the committee of the Richmond Ambulance Authority's (RAA) request to continue consideration of RAA board vacancies until after the November RAA board meeting.

Member Chris Hilbert moved to continue consideration of the following appointment applications for the Richmond Ambulance Authority to the November 24, 2020, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded.

Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols advised the committee that it would be prudent to continue consideration of the applications for the Richmond Ambulance Authority to the next quarterly review cycle of pending board vacancies in January 2021.

Member Chris Hilbert amended his previous motion and moved to continue consideration of the following appointment applications for the Richmond Ambulance Authority to the January 26, 2021, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Richmond Ambulance Authority (11 members)	*	Heather Ward (4 th District Resident)
		Michael Dickinson (1 st District Resident)
		Nathan Joyce (6 th District Resident)
		Lovell Davis (4 th District Resident)
		Dr. Andrew Ramsey (3 rd District Resident)
	(2 vacancies)	

*Applicants must either reside or work in the city

Member Chris Hilbert suggested the committee receive feedback from 7th Voter District Council representative Cynthia Newbille regarding the applications for the Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration as both members are from the 7th Voter District and have applied to multiple boards and commissions.

Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols informed the committee that the Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration will still have the ability to establish a quorum at meetings, if consideration of the vacancy is continued to January 2021.

Member Chris Hilbert moved to continue consideration of the following appointment applications for the Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration to the January 26, 2021, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Citizen Advisory Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration (15 members)	At Large Member*	Kimberley Young (7 th District Resident)
		Dr. Brian S. Maiden (7 th District Resident)
	(1 vacancy)	

*Applicants must either reside or work in the city

Member Chris Hilbert stated that all of the applicants for the Community Criminal Justice Board have either been appointed to another board or have applied for multiple board vacancies. He further stated that he would like to hear from Dr. Andrew Ramsey regarding his preference for one of the board vacancies to which he has applied.

Member Chris Hilbert moved to continue consideration of the following appointment applications for the Community Criminal Justice Board to the January 26, 2021, Public Safety Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Criteria for Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>
Community Criminal Justice Board (15 members)	Citizen Representative (1 vacancy)	Jewel Gatling (7 th District Resident)
		Dr. Brian S. Maiden (7 th District Resident)
		Dr. Andrew Ramsey (3 rd District Resident)

Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols reviewed the applicants and criteria for appointment to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board. She also reviewed a letter received from the Richmond Transparency and Accountability Project (RTAP) with applicant recommendations.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Vice Chair Kim Gray suggested John I. Dixon, III who is a former police chief for the city of Petersburg, John Gerner who was vice president of the Navy Hill Development Advisory Commission, and Dr. Eli Coston, who is a member of RTAP and has worked with the Council previously, be recommended for appointment to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board.

Councilor Michael Jones suggested Angela Fontaine, who has a sociology and criminal justice background, be recommended for appointment to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board.

Vice Chair Gray advised against accepting all of the recommendations made by RTAP to avoid too much influence by any certain organization.

Chairwoman Reva Trammell suggested Charlene Hinton be recommended for appointment to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board.

Assistant City Clerk Pamela Nichols informed the committee that Keith Anthony Turner applied for the person with a disability vacancy and was also recommended for appointment by RTAP.

It was the consensus of the committee to recommend the approval of Keith Anthony Turner's application for the person with a disability vacancy on the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board.

Vice Chair Gray suggested Edward Miller be recommended for appointment to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board.

Councilor Jones recommended Jewel Gatling be recommended for appointment to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board, and agreed with Vice Chair Gray's earlier sentiments regarding the RTAP recommendations.

Member Chris Hilbert stated that Jewel Gatling was recently recommended for appointment to the Maggie L. Walker Initiative Citizen Advisory Board and cautioned against appointing persons to multiple boards in the same timeframe.

Vice Chair Gray stated that the commitment is great when serving on multiple boards and reiterated her earlier recommendations of Edward Miller for the resident vacancy and Keith Anthony Turner for the person with a disability vacancy on the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board.

Member Chris Hilbert moved to forward the following appointment applications to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board (9 members)	Residents of the city who possess a broad range of experience with expertise in policy development, legal, racial, and social justice advocacy, criminal justice education, or human resources. (6 vacancies)	Angela Fontaine (9 th District Resident)
		John Gerner (7 th District Resident)
		Charlene L. Hinton (3 rd District Resident)
		John I. Dixon, III (4 th District Resident)
		Dr. Eli Coston (6 th District Resident)
		Edward Miller (4 th District Resident)
	Person with a disability* (1 vacancy)	Keith Anthony Turner (7 th District Resident)

* Applicants must either reside or work in the city.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Councilor Michael Jones departed the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Member Chris Hilbert requested staff draft a letter to the interim chief executive officer of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) and RRHA resident council presidents to inform them of the Task Force on the Establishment of a Civilian Review Board vacancy for a resident of public housing.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Paper(s) for Consideration

There were no papers for consideration.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no items for discussion.

Staff Report

Steve Taylor, Council policy analyst, provided the committee with the October staff report.

A copy of the report provided has been filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.