

TASK FORCE ON ESTABLISHING A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD UPDATE

Dr. Eli Coston and Angela Fontaine

Co-chairs

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide City Council recommendations on the budget, staffing, and operating procedures for the creation of a police oversight body.

To do this, the task force will do the following:

- Review challenges and best practices of review boards in other jurisdictions,

- Gather feedback from the community and stakeholders

This task force will also review the legality of community police oversight powers and suggest changes to local and state laws if necessary.

This task force will provide a final report and proposed annual budget to the City Council by August 30th, 2021.

VISION

We envision a system of police oversight where the community and police work together to build trust, accountability, and integrity.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Co Chair – Angela Fontaine

Co Chair – Dr. Eli Coston

Vice Chair – Jewel Gatling

Secretary – Oliver Hale

Tenora Thurston

Sylvia Wood

Ed Miller

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Meetings

- Chief Smith
- Deputy Chief Pearson
- Mayor Stoney
- Members of City Council
- Collette McEachin
- Public Defender's Office
- Ride along with First Precinct
- Chair of Task force on establishing a CRB in VA Beach
- Tom Barbour
- Upcoming meeting with RCOP

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Presentations to Task Force

- Sarah Burke - Charlottesville CRB Task Force
- Sharon R. Fairley - former member of the Chicago Police Board and former head of the Police Accountability Task Force
- RPD – Internal Affairs

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Community outreach

- One virtual Town Hall
- Upcoming virtual town hall on July 29th at 6pm.
- Two in person Town Halls (NRC and Diversity)
- Community canvassing
- Meetings with Civic Groups
- Community walk with the First Precinct
- Open virtual meetings weekly. Meetings are recorded and public comment is encouraged
- Open feedback is encouraged through CRB Gmail.
- Community Survey – over 500 responses so far.

WORKING DOCUMENTS

[CRB Powers Working Document:](#)

[Final Report Framework](#)

[RPD Policy Recommendations](#)

POLICE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Executive Director

Civilian Review Board

Auditor

Policy Analyst

Outside Legal Counsel

Mediation (contracted)

Outreach/Support Staff (2)

REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT MECHANISMS

Complaints

Commendations

General Concerns

Auditing Functions

GOALS

Increased Accountability (Individual and Departmental)

Transparent Reporting to Public

Recommendations to Improve Policy and Procedure

Rebuilding Community Trust through
Independent Oversight

QUESTIONS?