

ANNUAL REPORT of the ALLEGHENY COUNTY INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW BOARD

December 14, 2023

1. On April 27, 2021, Allegheny County Council enacted County Ordinance 06-21-OR, establishing an Independent Police Review Board (IPRB) to receive and review allegations of misconduct filed by members of the public against police officers within Allegheny County.
2. In accordance with Section 905.09 c. of the Ordinance, this annual report is submitted for the information and review of the County Executive and the County Council.
3. On August 30, 2022, County Council appointed the following members to the IPRB:

Lynn Banaszak (1 yr term)	Richard Garland (3 yr)
Justin Leavitt-Pearl (2 yr)	Keith Murphy (4 yr)
4. On September 30, 2022, the Count Executive appointed the following members to the IPRB:

Stacey Hawthorne (3 yr)	Robert Meinert (1 yr)
Coleman McDonough (4 yr)	Regina Ragin-Dykes (2 yr)
5. In January 2023, Dwight Boddorf was jointly appointed to the IPRB by County Council and the County Executive (4 year term).
6. Mr. Meinert resigned from the Board in January 2023. Mr. Boddorf resigned in June 2023.
7. Mr. Mark Bibro was jointly appointed to the Board in July 2023 (4 year term).
8. According to the Ordinance, all initial appointees' terms were to commence on January 1, 2022. At this time, one Board member's term is expired, and one County Executive's appointment is vacant.
9. Following its inaugural meeting in December 2022, an organizational meeting was held in January 2023. The Board selected Coleman McDonough to serve as Chair; Justin Leavitt-Pearl to serve as Vice Chair; and Richard Garland to serve as Secretary.
10. The IPRB met monthly throughout 2023, with the exceptions of July and December, when no meetings were held. During the course of the year, the following actions were

taken and /or accomplished:

- a) All IPRB members have received the training mandated by Section 905.05 of the Ordinance;
 - b) A dedicated telephone number and IPRB website were established. The website provides several methods for members of the public to submit complaints, including an on-line IPRB-approved complaint form, a PDF-fillable form and a blank complaint form for download.
 - c) Office space for IPRB activities was located and refitted in the County Office Building, including secure storage for documents and materials.
 - d) Ms. Maurita Bryant was hired to serve as the IPRB's staff liaison to County government.
 - e) An IPRB marketing brochure was developed to educate County residents as to the mission and objectives of the Review Board. Copies will soon be available for public dissemination.
11. To date, only two citizen complaints have come to the attention of the board. The first was determined to involve a local police officer from a municipal police department that is outside the jurisdiction of the IPRB, concerning an event that occurred approximately five years ago. The second concerned an event that occurred more than six months before it was brought to the Board's attention; this complainant was referred to the relevant police agency for resolution.
12. The Board members would like to express their appreciation to the following County employees for their expert advice and invaluable assistance during this inaugural year of the IPRB:

Amie Downs, Allegheny County Director of Communications

Jared Barker, Allegheny County Director of Legislative Services

Rosalyn Guy-McCorkle, Esq., Ass't Solicitor, Allegheny County Law Department

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Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Independent Police Review Board