

Independent Community Policing Review Board
October 14th, 2025, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
VIRTUAL

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Christopher Lewis started the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Board members present:

Suzanne Berkley
Darrlynn Franklin
Christopher Lewis, Chair
Jeanne O'Toole
Deborah Porter, Secretary
Alexis Stackhouse, Vice Chair
Jules Tamegue

City Staff present:

Ameratu Kamara, Interim Independent Policing Auditor/Director
Ashley Kollmorgen, Management Analyst
Robert Porter, Assistant City Attorney

2. Introduction (Read by Chair, Christopher Lewis)

The Independent Community Policing Review Board (ICPRB) was established by the Alexandria City Council via unanimously adopted Resolution 2950 on June 9, 2020, which condemned police brutality and systemic racism; reaffirmed that Black Lives Matter; and stated Council's intent to establish a community policing review board in our City. The resolution also affirmed that the City of Alexandria and all government officials have a duty to ensure the protection of all communities through actions and reform, including in the justice system. After careful consideration, at its public hearing on April 17, 2021, the City Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance establishing the structure of a new Independent Community Policing Review Board, to be effective as of July 1, 2021, along with its authorizing state law. The City Council also established the Office of the Alexandria Independent Policing Auditor (AIPA).

3. Board's Purpose (Read by Chair, Christopher Lewis)

The Independent Community Policing Review Board is an eight-member board whose purpose is to enhance policing legitimacy and to increase and maintain trust between and among the police department, city council, city manager and the public. The board shall provide timely, fair and objective review of administrative investigations conducted by the Independent Policing Auditor and Alexandria Police Department (APD) as well as the Independent Policing Auditor's evaluation of policing policies,

practices, procedures, and outcomes in Alexandria. The Board shall also recommend meaningful assessments and corrective recommendations intended to remedy discriminatory practices, including racial and social inequities; ensure the protection of all communities through recommended actions and reform, including in the criminal justice system; and recommend strategies for effectively implementing these reforms in our community.

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

WHEREUPON, on motion by Member Franklin, seconded by Vice Chair Stackhouse, the Board unanimously approved the agenda. Opposed, none.

5. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2025, and October 1, 2025.

Member Berkey noted several edits to the August 6th, 2025, and the October 1st, 2025, minutes.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Member Berkey, seconded by Member Porter, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes with recommended changes for August 6, 2025, and October 1, 2025. Opposed, none.

6. Public Comments

No Public Comment

7. New Board Business

✓ ICPRB Annual Report

The Annual Report was not finalized and publicly noticed in sufficient time for the Board's review. A copy of the report was distributed to Board members prior to the scheduled meeting. The general consensus was that additional time was needed for review, with members planning to provide feedback and potentially vote on the report at the November 5th meeting.

✓ ICPRB Readiness Resolution

The Board members discussed minor, non-substantive edits to the document. Assistant City Attorney Rob Porter advised that the purpose of the document was for Board members to review and discuss it, after which it would be read by the Chair as a motion for a vote. Following this guidance, Chair Lewis read the document aloud.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Member Franklin, seconded by Vice Chair Stackhouse, the Board unanimously approved the Readiness Resolution as read by Chair Lewis. Opposed, none.

✓ ICPRB Feedback regarding the City of Alexandria's FY2027 Budget

The Board reviewed the prior BCC letter submitted to City Council by the former ICPRB Chair for the FY2026 budget. Chair Lewis invited members to consider using the previous letter as a foundation for developing the new BCC letter for the FY2027 budget, with a focus on urging City Council to prioritize mental health services and homelessness resources.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Vice Chair Stackhouse, seconded by Member Franklin, the Board unanimously approved Chair Lewis to prepare a BCC letter prioritizing mental health and homelessness. Opposed, none.

8. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Scheduling.

✓ Confirm future meeting dates:

- November 5th, 2025 – Monthly Board Mtg
- December 3rd, 2025 – Monthly Board Mtg & Legal/Ethical Training
- January 7th, 2026 – Monthly Board Mtg
- February 4th, 2026 – Monthly Board Mtg – NACOLE Training – Part I

Check your city MS Outlook calendar regularly for updates regarding upcoming related community engagement activities.

9. Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

WHEREUPON, on motion by Member Franklin, seconded by Vice Chair Stackhouse, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Opposed, none.

The meeting concluded at 7:56 PM.

Thank you for viewing and attending the Independent Community Policing Review Board's meeting today. Remember, the Board is here to help you address any concerns you have regarding interaction with an Alexandria Police Department employee. While our primary purpose is to review investigations of misconduct by APD, even if your concern does not fall within our purview, the Independent Community Policing Review Board will collaborate with the Independent Policing Auditor to address your concerns or commendations with APD.

Our Board meetings are open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend.