
**University of Rochester
Public Safety Review Board
Minutes of Meeting
May 14, 2019**

Present: Holly Crawford
Rick Crummins
Tony Kinslow
Elizabeth Palermo
Francis Price
Matthew Burns
Christopher Fragassi
Robert Bones

Absent: Kathy Parrinello
Eldred Chimowitz
Beatriz Gil Gonzales

Guest: Mark Fischer

1. Administrative Matters

The Board approved the minutes of the April 3 meeting.

Mark Fischer joined the meeting.

2. DPS Update

- a. *Unholstering:* Mr. Fischer reported one unholstering since the last report. On April 12th a prisoner in RPD custody fled the Emergency Department and attempted to cross Elmwood Avenue after the RPD officer removed his handcuffs. The DPS officer joined the pursuit and unholstered when he saw that the RPD officer had done so and was instructing the prisoner to stop. The prisoner was taken into custody without incident and both officers reholstered their weapons.
- b. *Graduating Class.* Mr. Fischer reported that a new class of 25 sworn officers graduated recently. This is the first class of existing officers and direct hire peace officers. Hiring sworn officers directly saves on training and also allows existing DPS officers to get to know and mentor new hires. The class included 4 female, 7

African-American, 2 Hispanic and 2 Asian officers. Six of the officers speak more than one language (including one who speaks American Sign Language).

- c. *Training.* A DPS Lieutenant begins firearm training on June 10th in order to be assigned to the newly PSRB approved mobile armed post at Brighton Health Clinic. DPS will be doing in-service training and providing Run-Hide-Fight training to faculty.
 - d. *Armed Supervisors.* Following President Feldman’s decision to allow armed supervisors full access to campus, several were present at Dandelion Day. There were no incidents or complaints. There will be 3-4 armed supervisors on campus during commencement.
- 3. Firearm Policy Revision. The PSRB approved proposed changes to the Firearm Policy regarding armed responses outside the medical center. The new version will state: “DPS supervisors shall evaluate the need for, and, if necessary, authorize armed officer response to any non-Medical Center properties that are owned, leased or administered by the University.” This eliminates the ambiguity in the current policy pointed out by the PSPAC. DPS will continue to bring reports of all armed responses to non-Medical Center properties to the PSRB.
- 4. Follow up to President’s Decision on DPS Proposal

Ms. Crawford and Mr. Fischer are working on a report to President Feldman to be submitted by June 7, regarding progress on community engagement/trust building initiatives.

A new Community Resource Officer position at DPS has been approved by Ms. Crawford.

President Feldman and Ms. Crawford met with DPS officers after the President’s decision was announced. The officers appreciated this gesture and President Feldman described the meeting as positive and professional.
- 5. Annual Report.

The PSRB approved its annual report to President Feldman.
- 6. Future Meetings.
 - a. *Scheduling:* It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for late August with the option to cancel if it is not needed. Otherwise, as usual, the October meeting will be scheduled on the Tuesday of the Board of Trustees week so that Mr. Price may attend in person.

b. *Members.*

In light of Ms. Gonzalez's graduation, Jamal Holtz will become a member of the PSRB as Students' Association President, starting with the August meeting if he is available.

Gwen Paker (Vice President of Communications) will also become a member as a representative of the Eastman School of Music Students' Association.