

City of Troy, NY

Police Objective Review Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5, 2025
Place: Troy City Hall
Time: 6:31PM

Present: Jeff Anderson
 Paul Higgitt
 Peter McCorkle
 Marcus Nix
 Starletta Renee
 Elijah Scott
 John Vanalstyne

Guests: Mayor Carmella Mantello
 Captain Mary Magnetto
 Richard Morrissey Esq.

Absent: Michael Tuttman

The May 2025 Police Objective Review Board meeting was called to order at 6:33pm on May 5th. There was a quorum.

The minutes for the April 2025 PORB meeting were unanimously accepted.

The current deadline to fill a vacant position on the PORB passed on April 30, 2025. Another announcement will be made to fill the position with a new deadline of June 30, 2025. A press release will be sent to the city for distribution to other media platforms. The PORB will also reach out to the TPD for any public events where there may be an opportunity to recruit and inform the public about the Police Objective Review Board.

There was a discussion about the sanctuary city status for Troy. The city is not officially designated a sanctuary city. There is also no formal sanctuary policy as of this time for both the city and Rensselaer County. The county does have an agreement with the federal government that allows for local law enforcement to assist with federal immigration duties.

The positions for PORB Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary will be up for election at the end of this current session. Vice Chairwoman Starletta Renee will be reaching out to see which members would be interested in holding any of those positions.

The monthly meeting that will take place in June may not be a formal meeting and instead will consist of training. Pending availability, the TPD will offer a presentation of what one should do if confronted with an active shooter event. The Civilian Response to Active Shooter presentation will provide examples such as school shootings. The presentation will possibly be followed by an overview of the Stop the Bleed training.

Added to the agenda was a discussion about how to identify certain complaints if asked by the public about certain cases. Possible ways to identify said complaint is to go through the case log or directing someone to the TPD/OPS.

There were reviews of OPS 25-01 and 25-06.

In OPS 25-01, the complainant stated that they were a victim of an improper/unjustified arrest. The complainant stated via complaint form that they were arrested based on false information. The complaining was arrested on an arrest warrant. The Officer was talked to about court information and there was no violation of policy and procedure. The PORB unanimously agreed with the OPS disposition of exonerated.

For OPS 25-06, the complainant stated that the officer was rude and searched his vehicle illegally. After viewing body cam footage that showed that the complainant ran multiple stops signs and did not have their seatbelt on. The PORB unanimously agreed with the OPS disposition of exonerated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd.