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CITY OF PITTSFIELD
POLICE ADVISORY AND REVIEW BOARD

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 4:30pm
Via Zoom

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and state and federal orders and guidance imposing strict limits on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Police Advisory Review Board will be conducted exclusively via remote participation. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so on PCTV. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

NOTE: If you are required to participate in a particular item, you may do so by calling 1 312 626 6799 Enter the Meeting ID: 917 2150 8071 on your phone's keypad and press #. Press # again.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes: April, 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Matt Hill and Andrew Couture from the Police Union invited for discussion with the Board.
5. Summary of information of research on the effectiveness of citizen review boards for police departments
6. Approval of Annual Report
7. Chair's Report
8. Request from Drew Herzig that the PARB send a petition to the City Council as follows:

Revisions to Police Advisory Board City Code language, Article XXXVII

The language establishing the PARB does not include the words "accept", "approve", or "adopt" in the Powers and duties (Section 2-192) description. This hampers our ability to take any official position and/or action regarding various reports, findings, procedures, protocols, etc. either brought to our attention by the Pittsfield Chief of Police, or generated by our own discussions.

We would respectfully request that the City Council revisit the City Code language concerning the PARB, to give us specific language explicitly defining the authority with which the City Council wishes to invest the PARB. Also, we would request that you change the title of the Police Advisory and Review Board to City of Pittsfield Police Advisory and Review Board.

9. Chief of Police Report
10. Case Reviews
11. Community Interactions
12. Announcements
13. Next meeting
14. Adjourn