

**MINUTES**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD**  
**September 13, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Police Department Citizen Complaint Review Board was held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, September 13th, City Hall, 2nd Floor City Manager Conference Room, 411 East Kern Avenue.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Presant, Duane Goree, Gene Chavez, Julie Leighty, Jennifer Burcham

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charlie Ramos, Danny Giotto

**STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Merrill, Art Cabello, Melissa Comfort

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Presant called the meeting to order at 5:29 PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Julie Leighty and seconded by Jennifer Burcham. Minutes approved by a unanimous vote.

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments provided.

**IV. BUSINESS:**

**(1) General discussion**

Captain Merrill noted the Tulare County Fair was beginning the following day, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and Tulare Police Department would be having their Annual Inspection. Gene Chavez inquired about the availability of officers for calls of service during the inspection. Merrill confirmed officers would be available during inspection if dispatched. It was mentioned that former Chief of Police, Wes Hensley would be the Grand Marshal of the parade. Tulare Police Department swore in 8 new officers, 5 of which were laterals. There have also been some promotions – Captain Ynclan to Chief, Lieutenant Boatman to Captain, Sergeant Guerrero to Lieutenant, Corporal Muller to Sergeant, and Officer Barrios & Alvarez to Corporals. Captain Merrill also mentioned Tulare PD has been busy with investigations. Corporal Cabello added that there have been a couple homicides and that suspects were taken into custody.

(2) **Closed Session Regarding Complaints / Investigations**

Chairwoman Karen Present adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:33 PM for review of Citizen Complaints #1730.

(3) **Summary**

Complaint #1730 – A motion was made by Jennifer Burcham and seconded by Duane Goree that the complaint was within scope of authority. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed session reconvened back to open session at 5:40 PM.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary  
Melissa Comfort

**Next Meeting:** October 11, 2022