

MEETING MINUTES COMPLAINTS SUBCOMMITTEE

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INFORMATION UPDATE

- Michael believes based on correspondence with Dan O’Leary, that Chair Bernard Greene has received redacted files about the 2019 complaints.
- We are interested in investigating the 2017 Knable/Race Report’s finding that the Select Board did not hold appeals for some police complaints. Regarding 2017-2019 complaints that we have been given or will be given information about, we are unclear whether any of these complaints were appealed to the Select Board and, if so, what happened. We would also like to know how many cases in 2015 and 2016 were appealed to the Select Board and, if so, whether those appeals were heard by the Select Board.
- Dan emailed the subcommittee that the Police Department is reaching out to people who filed complaints against police employees since 2017 to ask them whether they would be interested in being interviewed by our subcommittee. We are hoping for an update from Dan about the status of reaching out to complainants.

POTENTIAL REFORMS TO COMPLAINT PROCESS

- Marty suggests a civilian advocate be available to help people navigate the complaints process, update them on the process, help with any appeals, and be present for any interview. Michael and Raj agree.
- CDICR may have a position who could provide support for this role. We are curious how to proceed in getting that support and will raise this with the full Committee.

CAMERAS

- We will continue to bring up a vote from the Committee in support of including police cameras.

MISC

- We think Howard Friedman would be a good expert to add to the list of people the committee/community can hear from in any educational events.