



Charlotte City Council  
Housing, Safety & Community Committee  
Meeting Summary for August 4, 2025

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

1. Citizens Review Board

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## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Victoria Watlington (CMGC), LaWana Mayfield (CMGC), Dimple Ajmera (CMGC), Tiawana Brown (CMGC), Reneé Johnson (CMGC)
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b>	n/a
<b>Other Council Members Present:</b>	Dante Anderson
<b>Staff Resources:</b>	Shawn Heath, City Manager's Office Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk's Office
<b>Guests:</b>	John Watkins, Citizens Review Board Chair Brittenay Causieestko-Lee, Citizens Review Board Vice-Chair
<b>Meeting Duration:</b>	4:00 – 5:30 PM

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## DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

City Council member Watlington called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

### Citizens Review Board

John Watkins and Brittenay Causieestko-Lee provided an overview of the Citizens Review Board (CRB), including its purpose, composition and examples of its advisory role. They also shared three key recommendations for Council consideration that were included in the CRB's annual report previously shared with City Council.

1. Modify annual CRB membership training from a requirement of 8 hours to 4 hours given that available training is largely repetitive.
2. Allocate two scholarships for members of the board to attend the annual conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE).
3. Amend City Ordinance to give the Police Chief and City Manager more time to review and respond to CRB recommendations (currently 7 days).

Highlights of Committee discussion:

- Expressed interest in reviewing the actual ordinance that created and governs the CRB (Chapter 16; Article II; Division 2; Section 16.56–64).
- Expressed interest in seeing the most recent CRB annual report in its entirety.
- Requested a summary of any current city boards and commissions where members receive a stipend.
- Noted that the City Clerk's webpage indicates individuals with felony or misdemeanor convictions, as well as CMPD employees and their relatives, are precluded from CRB membership, and expressed interest in discussing this further.
- Requested additional details on costs associated with the recommendation for conference scholarships and travel.
- Expressed interest in understanding the Chief's position on the recommendation to amend the ordinance to allow more time for review of CRB recommendations.

Additionally, a committee member expressed interest in discussing local implications of potential federal funding reductions related to – for example – rental assistance / housing vouchers

### Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm. The next meeting will occur on July 7, 2025.

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## MEETING MATERIALS

All meeting materials are available online at the [Charlotte Legistar Site](#). City Council Committee meeting videos and transcripts can be viewed on the [City of Charlotte's YouTube channel](#) (August 4, 2025 meeting link: <https://youtu.be/Za1l2ETtIF8?t=21622>).