

Sec. 216. - Powers and duties.

The Civilian Police Review Board shall receive, initiate, cause investigation of, and recommend resolution of complaints filed with it or initiated by the Board alleging misconduct by sworn members of the Columbus Division of Police. Upon completion of an investigation, the Board shall make recommendations to the Division of Police regarding resolution of the complaint and, where warranted by the facts, may make recommendations pertaining to discipline.

The Division of Police shall make available its records relating to any matter under investigation, review, or evaluation by the Board, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal and state law. The Board shall have the authority to request the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, photographs, audio recordings, electronic files, and other tangible evidence relating to any matter under investigation, review, or evaluation by the Board, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal and state law. With the approval of the City Attorney or the City Attorney's designee, the Board shall have the authority to request that a subpoena issue to compel the attendance of a key witness or the production of any documents, photographs, audio recordings, electronic files or other tangible evidence relating to any matter under investigation, review, or evaluation by the Board in accordance with relevant provisions of the Charter, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal and state and, for city employee members of a bargaining unit, the terms of any collective bargaining agreement.

Subject to the approval of Council, the Civilian Police Review Board shall make rules providing for the procedure of the Board and for the review of complaints filed with it. Rules of the Board and amendments thereto shall take effect fifteen (15) days after their publication in the City Bulletin. The Board shall perform such other duties not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter as may be required of the Board by ordinance.

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