

**BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE POLICE BOARD
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCIPLINE OF)	
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POLICE OFFICER DAVID TAYLOR)	No. 20 RR 02
STAR No. 18525, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,)	
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AND)	
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POLICE OFFICER LARRY LANIER)	No. 20 RR 03
STAR No. 16195, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO.)	(CR No. 1090087)

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On September 2, 2020, the Office of the Police Board of the City of Chicago received from the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”) a request for review of the Chief Administrator’s recommendations for discipline of Police Officer David Taylor, Star No. 18525, and Police Officer Larry Lanier, Star No. 16195, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 1090087 (“Request for Review”).

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegations against Officers Taylor and Lanier be *Sustained*:

Allegation No. 1: On July 3, 2018, at approximately 8:04 pm., at or near 4730 West Fulton Street, you fired at or in the direction of [T.E.], in violation of General Order 03-02.

Allegation No. 2: On July 3, 2018, while responding to an incident documented under RD #JB334215, you failed to activate your body worn camera in a timely manner.

The Chief Administrator recommended that Officers Taylor and Lanier be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

The Superintendent objected in part to the Chief Administrator’s recommendations in

that the Superintendent recommended that Allegation No. 1 be classified as *Unfounded*, Allegation No. 2 be classified *Sustained*, and each officer receive a reprimand.

According to the Request for Review material submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendations for discipline on April 29, 2020; (2) the Superintendent responded to the Chief Administrator's recommendations for discipline on August 12, 2020; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and discussed this matter on August 25, 2020; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on September 1, 2020.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Matthew C. Crowl, the member of the Police Board who was selected on a random basis, pursuant to Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure ("Reviewing Member"). The Reviewing Member considered the Request for Review pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure.

OPINION

The Superintendent did not respond to the Chief Administrator's recommendations for discipline within the 90-day Review Period as required by Section 2-78-130(a)(i) of the Municipal Code of Chicago. Section 2-78-130(a)(v) of the Municipal Code states: "If the Superintendent does not respond to the Chief Administrator's recommendation within the Review Period, such recommendation shall be deemed accepted, and shall be implemented, by the Superintendent."

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Even if the Superintendent responded within the 90-day Review Period, it is my opinion that, based on a thorough review of the Request for Review file, the Superintendent did not meet his burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendations for discipline. Based on the facts and circumstances of this matter, an evidentiary hearing before the Police Board is necessary to determine whether Officers Taylor and Lanier violated any of the Police Department's Rules of Conduct.

Therefore, pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Administrator's recommendations for discipline shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

/s/ MATTHEW C. CROWL
Member
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board