

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE</b>	)	
<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF</b>	)	<b>No. 23 RR 02</b>
<b>POLICE OFFICER PATRICK BUNYON,</b>	)	
<b>STAR No. 16768, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,</b>	)	<b>(CR No. 1090089)</b>
<b>CITY OF CHICAGO.</b>	)	

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

On May 1, 2023, the Executive Director of the Police Board of the City of Chicago received from the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability a request for review of the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for discipline of Police Officer Patrick Bunyon, Star No. 16768, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 1090089 (“Request for Review”).

The investigation stems from an incident on July 4, 2018, in the 15<sup>th</sup> police district. According to the summary report of the investigation, Officers Patrick Bunyon and John Pilolli were fired upon as they advanced through a gangway on foot toward a group of persons, and the persons then dispersed and fled on foot. Officers Bunyon and Pilolli gave chase, and Officer Bunyon then stopped and fired five times in rapid succession in the direction of two of the fleeing individuals. None of Officer Bunyon’s shots struck any person. However, one of the fleeing individuals nevertheless fell to the street, and he submitted to arrest. A gun was recovered a few feet away from him.

Following the conclusion of the investigation, the Chief Administrator issued a recommendation for discipline of Officer Bunyon. The Superintendent of Police did not agree with the Chief Administrator’s recommendation and proposed no discipline for Officer Bunyon.

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegation against Officer

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Bunyon be *Sustained*:

On July 4, 2018, at approximately 2:40 a.m., near 956 North Massasoit Avenue in Chicago, Officer Bunyon discharged his firearm in violation of Chicago Police Department policy.

The Chief Administrator recommended that Officer Bunyon be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

The Superintendent disagreed with the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline of Officer Bunyon. The Superintendent proposed that the above allegation be classified as *Unfounded*.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on December 2, 2022; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on March 1, 2023; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on April 24, 2023; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on May 1, 2023.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Jorge Montes, 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"). On May 15, 2023, the Reviewing Member completed his review of 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**

It is my opinion that, based on a thorough review of the Request for Review material, the Superintendent did not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's

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recommendation for discipline. Based on the facts and circumstances of this matter, an evidentiary hearing before the Police Board is necessary to determine whether Officer Bunyon violated any of the Chicago Police Department's Rules of Conduct and, if so, the appropriate disciplinary action.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline of Police Officer Patrick Bunyon, Star No. 16768, shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2023.

/s/ JORGE MONTES  
Member  
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI  
Executive Director  
Police Board