

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO.: 1:15-CV-01046
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
vs.	)	
	)	<b><u>NOTICE CONCERNING MONITORING</u></b>
CITY OF CLEVELAND	)	<b><u>TEAM'S REVIEW OF CLEVELAND</u></b>
	)	<b><u>DIVISION OF POLICE FORCE REVIEW</u></b>
Defendant.	)	<b><u>BOARD</u></b>
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On June 30, 2020, the Court conditionally approved the proposed Force Review Board (FRB) Policy for a period starting on the date the FRB holds its first meeting and extending for six months.<sup>1</sup> The FRB serves as a quality control mechanism for uses of force and force investigations, and to appraise use of force incidents from a tactics, training, policy, and agency improvement perspective.<sup>2</sup> The Court ordered that, at the end of the six-month conditional period, the Monitoring Team was to report to the court ‘its good-faith assessment as to whether the Board's performance suggests that the policy should be re-approved for the long-term or if material changes need to be considered’ relative to the legitimate concerns the Monitor has highlighted. The first Force Review

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<sup>1</sup> See Dkt No. 317

<sup>2</sup> Dkt. 7-1 at ¶ 124.

Board occurred on February 8, 2021, and therefore the six-month conditional period closed on August 8, 2021.

During the intervening time period, the Monitoring Team has assessed FRB operations to determine if it can effectively carry out all of the duties that the Consent Decree prescribes. Monitoring Team members have virtually attended all meetings of the FRB. Initial impressions are positive and the FRB appears to be grappling with issues appropriately and thoroughly discussing cases. However, due to technical issues, it has been difficult to fully hear all that is said, especially when the discussions become spirited. As such, the Monitoring Team intends to audit the August 20, 2021, FRB in-person now that health conditions permit. While this is technically outside the six-month window, the Monitoring Team submits that in-person attendance at the FRB is required to determine whether the system is functioning as intended. As such, the Monitoring Team proposes to submit its assessment to the Court in late September.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 11, 2021 I served the foregoing document entitled **NOTICE CONCERNING MONITORING TEAM'S REVIEW OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE FORCE REVIEW BOARD** via the court's ECF system to all counsel of record.

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