

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE |) | |
| RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF |) | No. 20 RR 06 |
| POLICE OFFICER REGINALD MURRAY, |) | |
| STAR No. 18567, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, |) | |
| CITY OF CHICAGO. |) | (CR No. 1075644) |

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On November 16, 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 recommendation for discipline of Police Officer Reginald Murray, Star No. 18567, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 1075644 (“Request for Review”).

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegations against Officer Murray be *Sustained*:

Allegation No. 11: On June 12, 2015, between 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., at 5054 W. West End Avenue, Chicago, Officer Murray struck [A.M.] about the body.

Allegation No. 12: On June 12, 2015, between 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., at 5054 W. West End Avenue, Chicago, Officer Murray struck [A.M.] about the body with an object.

Allegation No. 14: On or about July 21, 2017, at 1615 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Officer Murray willfully made a false, incomplete, inaccurate, and/or misleading statement of material fact to the Independent Police Review Authority when he stated the following in response to a question:

Question: So, you didn’t do anything?

Answer: I did not, I didn’t touch [REDACTED] whatsoever.

Allegation No. 15: On or about July 21, 2017, at 1615 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Officer Murray willfully made a false, incomplete, inaccurate, and/or misleading statement of material fact to the Independent Police Review Authority when he stated the following in response to a question:

Question: You never told them [investigating Chicago Police Department personnel] that you disciplined him [REDACTED] in any kind of form or fashion?

Answer: I never told him I discipline [REDACTED]

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

The Superintendent objected to the Chief Administrator's recommendation, in that the Superintendent did not concur with the findings of *Sustained* for Allegation Nos. 11 – 12 and 14 – 15, and recommended that Officer Murray not be disciplined.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on June 28, 2020; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on September 28, 2020; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and discussed this matter on November 9, 2020; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on November 16, 2020.

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 November 27, 2020, the Reviewing Member reviewed 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 file, the Superintendent did not meet his burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline. Based on the facts and circumstances of this matter, an

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evidentiary hearing before the Police Board is necessary to determine whether Officer Murray violated any of the Police Department's Rules of Conduct.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

/s/ JORGE MONTES
Member
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board