

**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 |) | |
| POLICE OFFICER BRIAN COLLINS, |) | No. 21 RR 15 |
| STAR No. 16773, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, |) | |
| CITY OF CHICAGO. |) | (CR No. 1086664) |

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On October 29, 2021, 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 Brian Collins, Star No. 16773, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 1086664 (“Request for Review”).

The investigation stems from an incident at approximately 10:00 p.m. on September 7, 2017, in the 11th police district. According to the Summary Report of the Investigation, Officer Collins arrived on the scene responding to multiple calls of shots fired in the vicinity of 1107 South Richmond Street. Officer Collins saw [a person] on Richmond Street and engaged in a short foot pursuit into the alley behind 1127 South Sacramento Blvd. Officer Collins fired two shots at [the person], striking him once in the back of the left upper arm. After the shooting, Officer Collins recovered a handgun from inside [the person’s] front waistband. [The person] was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where he received medical treatment and was discharged. Following the conclusion of the investigation, the Chief Administrator issued a recommendation for discipline of Officer Collins. The Superintendent of Police did not agree with the Chief Administrator’s recommendation.

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegation against Officer

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Collins be *Sustained*:

On or about September 17, 2017, at approximately 10:00 p.m., at or near 1127 South Sacramento Blvd., Officer Collins discharged his firearm at or in the direction of [a person] in violation of Chicago Police Department Rules of Conduct and General Orders.

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

The Superintendent objected to the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline in that he recommended that the allegation be *Not Sustained*.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on June 30, 2021; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on September 24, 2021; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on October 22, 2021; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on October 29, 2021.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Ghian Foreman, 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 12, 2021, 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 material, 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 Collins violated any of the 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 shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

/s/ GHIAN FOREMAN
President
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board