

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF)	
POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL MANCHA,)	No. 21 RR 16
STAR No. 19383, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO.)	(CR No. 2019-0294)

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On November 5, 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 Michael Mancha, Star No. 19383, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 2019-0294 (“Request for Review”).

The investigation stems from an incident in the evening of March 3, 2019, in the 5th police district. According to the Summary Report of the Investigation, Officer Mancha and his partner were on patrol in an unmarked police SUV, with Officer Mancha driving. They attempted to pull over a black 1999 Chrysler for a traffic violation. The Chrysler briefly complied by pulling over, but then sped away. Officer Mancha and his partner pursued the Chrysler. At 107th Street and Calumet Avenue, the Chrysler struck a white Acura. A child who was in the Chrysler was killed, and passengers in the Chrysler and Acura were injured. The driver of the Chrysler was arrested and a firearm was recovered from underneath the driver’s seat. Following the conclusion of the investigation, the Chief Administrator issued a recommendation for discipline of Officer Mancha. The Superintendent of Police proposed less severe discipline than that recommended by the Chief Administrator.

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegations against Officer

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Mancha be *Sustained*:

On or about March 3, 2019, at approximately 8:46 p.m., at or near 103rd Place and Indiana Avenue in Chicago, Officer Mancha:

1. Engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit in violation of General Order G03-03-01;
2. Drove without due regard for the safety of all persons;
3. Failed to keep the vehicle's emergency lights continuously activated;
4. Failed to keep the vehicle's sirens continuously activated; and
5. Failed to timely activate his body-worn camera in violation of Special Order S03-14.

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

The Superintendent objected to the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline in that the Superintendent recommended that Officer Mancha be suspended for one-hundred-eighty (180) days (the Superintendent agreed with the recommendation to sustain the above allegations).

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on June 2, 2021; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on September 3, 2021; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on October 29, 2021; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on November 5, 2021.

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").

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On November 19, 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 evidentiary hearing before the Police Board is necessary to determine whether Officer Mancha 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 01ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

/s/ JORGE MONTES
Member
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board