

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF)	No. 22 RR 17
POLICE OFFICER LEVON LONDON,)	
STAR No. 18659, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	(CR No. 2020-2202)
CITY OF CHICAGO.)	

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On August 19, 2022, 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 Levon London, Star No. 18659, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 2020-2202 (“Request for Review”).

The investigation stems from clashes between members of the public and police during a protest in Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood on May 31, 2020, following the murder of George Floyd. Following the conclusion of the investigation, the Chief Administrator issued recommendations for discipline of several officers. The Superintendent of Police did not agree with the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for discipline of Officer London.

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

On or about May 31, 2020, between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at or near 5300 South Lake Park Avenue in Chicago, Officer London:

1. Struck [M.L] on the upper body with a baton without justification;
2. Struck [M.L] multiple times about the body with a baton without justification; and
3. Punched [M.L] on the face without justification.

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The Chief Administrator recommended that Officer London receive a minimum of a 180-day suspension up to and including discharge from the Chicago Police Department.

The Superintendent disagreed with the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline of Officer London. The Superintendent did not agree that Allegation No. 1 be *Sustained*, agreed that Allegation Nos. 2 and 3 be *Sustained*, and recommended that Officer London be suspended for 180 days.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on April 29, 2022; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on July 28, 2022; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on August 12, 2022; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on August 19, 2022.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Steven Block, 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 August 24, 2022, 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. Following his initial review of this matter, the Reviewing Member requested, received, and reviewed body-worn camera footage relevant to Officer London.

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. 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 Levon London, Star No. 18659, shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

/s/ STEVEN BLOCK
Member
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board