



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency
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CRB Findings Definitions

Any findings of the CRB will be made by a **2/3 vote** of the full nine (9) member Board, and voting will be conducted in public.

Public Meeting: CRB meets in public meeting and reviews the case and makes one of six findings (Section 12-16.11.c):

- **Sustained**: Investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to support allegation in the complaint.
- **Not Sustained**: Investigation failed to prove or disprove the allegation.
- **Exonerated**: The action complained of did occur, but the investigation revealed the action was proper, legal and reasonable.
- **Unfounded**: Clear and convincing evidence revealed that the alleged conduct did not occur.
- **Information Inquiry**: The Board requests that OPAT staff find & provide additional specific information. Case will be tabled until the next CRB public meeting or when the additional information is obtained.
- **Insufficient evidence to Make a Finding**: The CRB determines that not enough evidence is available to make a finding.

Burden of Proof

All cases are determined on a preponderance of evidence scale - **51% likelihood** that the alleged conduct occurred.