- (C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION'S REPORT.
- (2) ON REVIEW OF THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION REPORT AND THE BOARD'S INVESTIGATIVE REPORT, IF ANY, OF EACH CASE, THE BOARD SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSIONER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:
- (I) SUSTAIN THE COMPLAINT AND MAY RECOMMEND THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE POLICE OFFICER;
  - (II) NOT SUSTAIN THE COMPLAINT;
  - (III) EXONERATE THE POLICE OFFICER; OR
- <u>(IV)</u> <u>FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE</u> <u>DIVISION.</u>
- (D) THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION REPORT.

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ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT, REPORT, OR COMPLAINT IN THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION BY THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION OR THE BOARD CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBHEADING IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

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- (A) THE COMMISSIONER HAS FINAL DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN EACH CASE, BUT THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT TAKE FINAL ACTION UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER HAS REVIEWED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD UNDER § 16-46(C)(2) OF THIS SUBHEADING.
- (B) IF A COMPLAINT IS NOT SUSTAINED OR THE POLICE OFFICER IS EXONERATED, ON WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE POLICE OFFICER SENT TO THE BOARD, THE BOARD SHALL EXPUNGE ALL RECORDS OF THE COMPLAINT.

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THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBHEADING MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ABROGATE ANY CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY, OR COMMON LAW RIGHT OF:

- (1) A POLICE OFFICER AGAINST WHOM A COMPLAINT IS FILED; OR
- (2) THE COMPLAINANTS, INVESTIGATORS, OR WITNESSES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE UNDER THIS SUBHEADING.