

# CCRB director drops suit that accused ex-chair Richard Emery of sexist language

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**Richard Emery defended his words April 12, saying he was just encouraging his staff to be tougher and wasn't commenting on gender.**

The director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board on Tuesday dropped her lawsuit alleging that the agency's former chairman called her and a co-worker "p---ies."

Mina Malik, executive director of the city agency which investigates accusations of police misconduct of New Yorkers, dropped her suit against Richard Emery "without prejudice," which means she still has the option of refiling the case, her lawyer Douglas Wigdor said.

Malik sued on April 12, alleging that Emery made the remark in a meeting about her and a co-worker.



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**Mina Malik dropped her suit against Richard Emery “without prejudice,” meaning she can re-instate it at any time.**

Emery, a well-known civil rights lawyer, and Malik had been butting heads over CCRB matters for months.

Emery resigned from the board the day after Malik’s suit was filed. The lawsuit was first reported by The Daily News.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Malik said: ““We thank Mayor de Blasio for taking swift and decisive action in responding to our concerns, and for accepting the resignation of Mr. Emery. As a result, we have decided to dismiss our case without prejudice.”

In his own statement, her lawyer said he hopes the lawsuit “sends a powerful message” to people who suffer discrimination.

“By dismissing the case without prejudice my clients reserve the unfettered right to re-institute the proceedings should they be mistreated or retaliated against in any way,” he said.

Emery could not be immediately reached for comment Tuesday.



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Previously, Emery said he wasn't referring to their gender when he used the offensive word — he was just encouraging his staff to be tougher in their dealings with the NYPD advocates office.

“I was talking about the cowardice,” he said April 12. “I use animal metaphors and they don't have anything to do with sex.”

He said he decided to resign after talking with Mayor de Blasio.

The day he resigned, the CCRB abruptly canceled its monthly meeting, which had been scheduled for that night. The makeup meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night.