

## ‘Chairman called me a p—y and won’t let me do my job’

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Richard Emery and Mina Malik

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The female director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board is suing the male chairman for allegedly using the word “p—y” and undermining her authority after she reported him for making the gender-based slur.

CCRB Executive Director Mina Malik filed the lawsuit against Chairman Richard Emery in Manhattan Supreme Court on Tuesday, a day before a closed-door session of the board’s executive committee.

The internal warfare started last September, when Emery clashed with a female CCRB attorney over how to discipline two cops who were accused of punching a man in the face while he was on a gurney.

The female attorney called on Malik for support. When Malik did back the woman, Emery allegedly said, “I don’t know why everyone is acting like a bunch of p—s,” the suit claims.

Emery, a high-profile civil rights attorney, denounced the claims as “absolutely nonsense.”

“The allegations in the complaint are frivolous and engineered because Mina Malik is trying to control an agency like an Eastern European totalitarian dictator rather than an executive director,” Emery told The Post.

“She’s tough as nails,” he said, adding, “Butter wouldn’t melt in her mouth.”

Emery insists the “p—y” remarks were directed at officials within the NYPD who had recommended a lesser punishment than the one he favored.

“I did use the word p—y with respect to saying that people acted cowardly, but it was not referring to either Mina or the other woman,” Emery said. “Mina Malik was not even in the room.”

He said Malik’s suit came after he criticized her handling of the CCRB’s administrative prosecution unit.

But Malik counters that his criticism was retaliation for her reporting Emery to the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which forwarded the matter to the city’s Law Department.

Since she filed her complaint, Emery has been “micromanaging her work, undermining her authority and decision-making responsibility, not inviting her to important meetings and failing to include her on communications,” the suit says.

The Law Department investigation is still pending. Malik is suing Emery and the city for unspecified damages.

Her attorney, Douglas Wigdor, claimed Emery’s “excuses are obviously ridiculous” and said that his comments to The Post “evidence his inability to work with strong and intelligent women. Clearly, this is not someone who should be running an important governmental agency.”

In court papers, Wigdor claims Emery has a history of making controversial statements, such as when he allegedly responded to criticism by the police union chiefs in February by saying they were “squealing like a stuck pig.”