

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, May 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Location: Office of Police Complaints
1400 I Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

PCB Members Present:

- Paul Ashton, Chair
- Bobbi Strang
- Jeffrey Tignor

PCB Members Absent:

- Earl Fowlkes

OPC Staff Present:

- Marke Cross, Executive Director
- Jacqueline Hazzan, Legal Counsel
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator

Public Members Present:

- Elodie Huttner

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board roll call. Paul Ashton, Bobbi Strang, and Jeff Tignor present.

II. Public Comment Period

None.

III. Adoption of Minutes

Ms. Strang moved to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2026, meeting. Mr. Ashton seconded the motion. The March minutes were unanimously approved by all members present, and the motion passed.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. Agency Report

Executive Director Cross gave a summary of the agency report.

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget for OPC is being formulated by the D.C. Council. All agencies anticipate budget cuts.

On May 4, 2026, OPC published its Fiscal Year 2026 Mid-Year Report.

On May 4, 2026, OPC published two policy recommendations concerning MPD's collaboration with the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force, PCB Policy Report #26-2: Part 1: Special Attention to Documenting Stops, Searches, and Arrests Amidst Federal Law Enforcement Presence in the District, and PCB Policy Report #26-3: Part 2: Special Attention to Body-Worn Camera Compliance Amidst Federal Law Enforcement Presence in the District.

Investigations Report:

Ms. Andrews presented the Investigation statistics.

Open cases are up 150%. The total increase is approximately 25 – 30%. OPC has received more referrals from MPD. Contacts have also increased significantly.

OPC presented to multiple MPD recruit classes at the Metropolitan Police Academy to discuss civilian oversight and OPC's mission and responsibilities.

On May 4, 2026, ABC7 reported on OPC's Fiscal Year 2026 Mid-Year Report and noted that for the first time, the public is being provided with detailed information regarding complaints about the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force.

Director Cross met with various members of the D.C. Council and their staff regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

OPC staff are attending various individual and virtual trainings sponsored by DCHR. OPC staff members are also attending in-person and virtual Professional Development Training at the Metropolitan Police Academy.

On May 21, 2026, OPC hosted a virtual brown bag refresher training with the D.C. Office of Unified Communications (OUC).

On April 6, 2026, OPC welcomed new Investigator Samantha Ayala. OPC is currently conducting interviews for the vacant Deputy Director position.

OPC will be recruiting new Complaint Examiners to adjudicate OPC cases.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Ms. Strang moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ashton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jacqueline Hazzan, Legal Counsel