

**POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, March 19, 2015
6:00 p.m.

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

PCB Members Present:

- Paul Ashton
- Assistant Chief Patrick Burke (via telephone)
- Kurt Vorndran

PCB Members Absent:

- none

OPC Staff Present:

- Michael G. Tobin, Executive Director
- Christian J. Klossner, Deputy Director
- Nicole Porter, Special Assistant
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vorndran called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comments were noted.

III. Adoption of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 22, 2015, PCB meeting. Assistant Chief Burke made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ashton. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Agency Report

As the first order of business, Mr. Tobin requested that the May 19, 2015, regularly scheduled PCB meeting be moved to May 14 or May 28, 2015. Mr. Vorndran suggested that the meeting be rescheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015, and Assistant Chief Burke and Mr. Ashton agreed.

Mr. Tobin discussed recent changes to agency operations since the previous meeting. Mr. Tobin stated that the agency has accelerated its investigative processes. The agency's investigative reports have been streamlined. The report summaries have been eliminated, so that investigators can spend less time on writing and more time on

investigating cases. The agency is also changing the way investigators conduct field interviews. OPC is still about 50-60 cases behind where it should be, but is making significant progress and the investigators are doing a great job.

Ms. Andrews discussed the Board report. She stated that the total number of open cases was down 36% from last year. She also stated that there were increases in the number of complaints received this year and double the number of contacts from any previous year. Case closures are up 41% this year. The agency has lower numbers of open cases and higher numbers of closed cases, so by the end of the fiscal year, OPC should not have a backlog. The agency is also expected to have three investigator positions filled to help with the increase in summer complaints that we typically get. Lastly, OPC is very close to filling its Program Coordinator position.

Ms. Porter discussed the failure-to-ID, bench warrants, and chokehold policy recommendations, and highlighted two policy recommendation ideas currently under consideration by the agency (DCHA stop and frisks, and MPD searches of cell phones). Mr. Tobin highlighted the changes that have been made to the policy recommendation process; namely, the more collaborative process the agency has with MPD when drafting the recommendations. Mr. Klossner provided more information about the chokehold policy recommendation.

Mr. Tobin informed the Board of his recent meeting at OPC with a London, England police department inspector. The inspector wanted to find out more about OPC's mission and processes.

Mr. Klossner discussed the upcoming NACOLE conference in Riverside, California.

V. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Special Assistant Nicole Porter