

Police Complaints Board  
Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date & Time:** Thursday, January 21, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Meeting was conducted via video conference

**PCB Members Present:**

- Paul Ashton, Chair
- Kurt Vorndran
- Jeffrey Tignor
- Bobbi Strang

**PCB Members Absent:**

- Commander Morgan Kane

**OPC Staff Present:**

- Michael G. Tobin, Executive Director
- Rochelle Howard, Deputy Director
- Alicia Yass, Legal Counsel
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Nykisha Cleveland, Public Affairs Specialist
- Amy Saji, Legal Intern

**Public Members Present:**

- None

**Meeting Agenda:**

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Board roll call. Paul Ashton, Jeff Tignor, Kurt Vorndran, and Bobbi Strang present. Commander Morgan Kane absent.

**II. Public Comment Period**

None

**III. Adoption of Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 19, 2020 PCB regular meeting. Mr. Vorndran made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Strang seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**IV. Old Business**

None

**V. Agency Report**

Director Tobin gave a summary of the agency report.

The Office of Police Complaints is fully operational but continues to be on a partial telework schedule.

There was no protest activity around that Inauguration that required monitoring by OPC.

Some of the budget cuts that were made to OPC's FY 2021 budget have been restored. However, it is not clear if they will remain for FY 2022. This needs to be evaluated before any new actions can be taken to fill vacant staff positions.

Police Reform Commission has held multiple meetings. The Commission's to the Council for an extension of the term to April 2021 was approved.

Staffing updates:

Investigator Tamika Walker, and investigations clerk Sherry Mendoza joined OPC in December. Spring semester legal intern Amy Saji joins OPC remotely starting in January.

There continues to be a freeze on all training and conferences that are fee based. OPC staff continues to attend trainings offered by DCHR.

FY 2020 Annual Report will be discussed in New Business.

Investigations:

Ms. Andrews presented the Investigation metrics. There is currently a slight decrease of about 10% in the numbers of new complaints received by OPC.

## **VI. New Business**

FY 2020 Annual Report

Highlights:

- most cases are closed within 90 days
- reduction in the number of officer interviews
- OPC has consistently found BWC issues

Use of Force draft should be ready by March, however this depends on MPD as OPC is still awaiting data for the end of 2020.

Questions from the Chair:

Has Director Tobin met with the MPD Police Chief?

-not yet, but the first meeting is scheduled for the new week or two

Has Police Reform Legislation been made permanent? How does this impact the PCB make-up?

-not yet, but it is expected to be put on the Council's calendar soon. For now, Director Tobin is operating under the previous rules to keep board members in positions until the Council acts.

MOTA has not provided any further guidance, although they have reached out for suggestions for other Boards that are being expanded or changed through the police reform legislation.

## **VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Tignor seconded. It was then unanimously approved by all members present. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:34pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6pm via video conferencing.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass