

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 2016
6:00 p.m.

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

PCB Members Present:

- Paul Ashton
- Bobbi Strang
- Kurt Vorndran

PCB Members Absent:

- Jamira Burley

OPC Staff Present:

- Michael G. Tobin, Executive Director
- Rochelle Howard, Deputy Director
- Alicia Yass, Legal Counsel
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Anthony Lawrence, Senior Investigator
- Danielle Sutton, Investigator
- Hansel Aguilar, Investigator

Public Members Present:

- None

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was recorded. Mr. Vorndran called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comments were noted.

III. Adoption of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 15, 2016 PCB meeting. Mr. Vorndran asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Vorndran made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Ms. Strang seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Agency Report

Mr. Tobin mentioned the next PCB meeting will be held on January 26, 2017. The meetings for 2017 will be held on the following dates: January 26, 2017, March 16, 2017, and May 18, 2017.

Mr. Tobin reported that the Office of the Mayor plans to focus on the search for a new MPD Chief once they select a new School Chancellor.

Mr. Tobin reported on cooperation between OPC and MPD to comply with the NEAR Act in terms of complaints being reported to MPD precincts. MPD is working on a General Order for their process of sending complaints to OPC, and they will share a draft of the General Order with OPC before it is finalized.

Ms. Yass and Mr. Tobin reported on two draft policy reports; one on Language and Conduct, and the other on MPD updating their internal policy and procedures. Both reports have been reviewed by MPD and were edited to incorporate their comments. The draft reports were considered by the Board for approval for release. Mr. Vorndran moved to approve the report "Ensuring MPD Policies and Procedures are Current." Mr. Ashton seconded, and the report was approved. Mr. Vorndran proposed that the Board be given until Wednesday November 23, 2016 to submit any comments on the "Language and Conduct" report, and if there weren't any it would be deemed approved. Mr. Ashton seconded, and the plan was approved.

Ms. Andrews presented the investigation status report and highlighted that there have been more complaints and contacts received this year over last year- 20 more complaints this year than at the same point last year.

Mr. Tobin reported that OPC is working on the annual report for Fiscal Year 2016, and plans to have the report issued by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Tobin highlighted that in FY 2016, almost 70% of cases were closed within 6 months. Ms. Howard highlighted that 13% of cases were closed through mediation.

V. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Mr. Vorndran moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Mr. Ashton second, and the motion passed. The public meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m. The next two Board meetings will be held January 26, 2017 and March 16, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass