

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 2022
6:00 p.m.

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

PCB Members Present:

- Paul Ashton, Chair
- Earl Fowlkes
- Bobbi Strang
- Jeffrey Tignor

PCB Members Absent:

- None

OPC Staff Present:

- Michael Tobin, Executive Director
- Alicia Yass, Deputy Executive Director
- Marke Cross, Special Assistant/Legal Counsel
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Marissa Landeis, Research Analyst

Public Members Present:

- None

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board roll call. Paul Ashton, Jeffrey Tignor, Earl Fowlkes, and Bobbi Strang present.

II. Public Comment Period

None

III. Adoption of Minutes:

Mr. Fowlkes moved to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2022, meeting. Mr. Tignor seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes, and the motion passed.

IV. Old Business

None

V. Agency Report

Mr. Tobin gave a summary of the agency report.

OPC is fully operational and is currently formulating the FY 2024 budget.

The DC Council still has two pending bills related to police reform and oversight which could make changes to OPC and the PCB. Mr. Tobin will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

OPC will publish its FY 2022 Annual Report in the next few weeks. Ms. Landeis provided an overview of the report, which will be discussed in New Business.

Investigations:

Ms. Andrews presented the Investigation statistics. The number of complaints, open investigations, and case closures have slightly increased during the first few months of FY 2023 when compared to FY 2022. Ms. Andrews anticipates the number of open investigations will decrease after OPC hires new investigators within the next few months.

VI. New Business

FY 2022 Annual Report

Highlights:

- In FY 2022 OPC received 4% less complaints than FY 2021 but experienced a 7% increase in the number of allegations made against officers.
- Approximately 1 in 5 MPD officers had at least one OPC complaint filed against them in FY 2022.
- 12 out of 13 complaint examiner decisions resulted in at least one sustained allegation against a subject officer.
- In FY 2021 OPC referred 15 cases for policy training, but that number more than doubled to 33 in FY 2022.
- 79% of the cases OPC referred to mediation were resolved.

VII. Executive Session

Mr. Ashton moved to enter an Executive Session (non-public) for a Discussion of Personnel Matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code sec. 2-575(b)(10). Mr. Ashton, Mr. Tignor, Ms. Strang, and Mr. Fowlkes approved the motion.

The Board entered the Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

No actions were taken during the Executive Session.

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:52 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on January 19, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Special Assistant Marke Cross.