

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, November 30, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

PCB Members Present:

- Paul Ashton
- Commander Morgan Kane (late arrival at 6:15pm)
- Bobbi Strang
- Kurt Vorndran

PCB Members Absent:

- none

OPC Staff Present:

- Michael G. Tobin, Executive Director
- Rochelle Howard, Deputy Director
- Alicia Yass, Legal Counsel
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Robert Rowe, Investigations Manager
- Anthony Lawrence, Senior Investigator
- Ethan Trinh, Investigator
- Danielle Sutton, Investigator
- Matt Graham, Research Analyst
- Nykisha Cleveland, Public Affairs Specialist

Public Members Present:

- none

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was recorded. Mr. Ashton 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 September 21, 2017 PCB meeting. Mr. Ashton asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Vorndran made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Strang seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

Mr. Tobin gave an update on the independent review of the inauguration day protests. The Police Foundation is in the process of reviewing documents, and has met with all relevant OPC staff.

Ms. Yass presented the notice of final rulemaking for the updated Administrative Rules. Mr. Vorndran made a motion to approve the final rulemaking. Mr. Ashton seconded. The final rulemaking was unanimously approved.

V. New Business

Ms. Cleveland presented on the Community Partners program. There are currently 19 partners in the program. OPC is working to strengthen the relationships, and make the most out of them. This has included increased social media connections.

VI. Agency Report

Mr. Tobin noted that the numbers of complaints are still rising, but the investigators are keeping pace, avoiding a backlog.

Mr. Tobin informed the Board members of the date and time of the staff holiday party.

Mr. Tobin reported that Commander Kane's reappointment for another 3 year term has been moved forward with the Council.

Mr. Tobin reported that the 2017 Use of Force Report draft will be sent to the Board shortly for their review. This is the first annual use of report that was mandated by the NEAR Act.

Mr. Tobin reported that Senior Investigator Anthony Lawrence attended the recent CDU training with MPD. The plan is to have more OPC investigators to attend future sessions of the training.

Ms. Andrews presented the investigation status report. She highlighted that the report is now separating out the number of complaints that are initiated as referrals from MPD. At this time there is an approximately 76% increase in complaints over the same date last year.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Mr. Vorndran moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Ms. Strang seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:36 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held January 18, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass