

Police Complaints Board  
Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date & Time:** Thursday, March 22, 2018  
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
- Bobbi Strang
- Kurt Vorndran

**PCB Members Absent:**

- none

**OPC Staff Present:**

- Michael G. Tobin, Executive Director
- Rochelle Howard, Deputy Director
- Alicia Yass, Legal Counsel
- Robert Rowe, Investigations Manager

**Public Members Present:**

- none

**Meeting Agenda:**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was audio recorded. Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Board roll call, and all current board members present.

**II. Public Comment Period**

No public comments were noted.

**III. Adoption of Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 18, 2018 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 still in the investigative stage. They are continuing the review of body-worn camera footage, and have started review of the transcripts from the criminal cases which includes testimony from MPD personnel. Expecting report by the end of June.

**V. Agency Report**

Mr. Tobin reported that the number of complaints remains high, and are on track to be higher than last year. But the acceleration rate has leveled off.

Mr. Tobin reported that three reports had been released since the last PCB meeting:  
Use of Force Report  
Implementation Update on the Reports and Recommendations of the Police Complaints  
Board from Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016  
Parking and Towing Vehicles

Mr. Ashton asked that the board be BCC on all press releases, or notices to the press.

Mr. Tobin reported that as of March 22, 2018 OPC is on Twitter, with the handle @districtOPC.

Commander Kane asked about OPC google alerts and what the best search terms are to use. The Board asked that the public affairs officer share the search terms she uses with the Board.

Mr. Tobin reported that OPC will be monitoring the March for Our Lives taking place on March 24, 2018 with three teams of two people each. There have been no threats, but a high volume of people is expected. Commander Kane shared MPD's plan.

Mr. Tobin reported on the DC Bar event, "How is Community Participation Affecting Policing in DC," which took place on February 21, 2018, and Mr. Tobin was a panelist.

Mr. Tobin reported that at the OPC oversight hearing with the Council, community members expressed their faith in the process that that OPC uses to fairly investigate complaints.

Mr. Tobin presented the investigation status report. 123 cases are in active investigation. The average numbers of days to close a case is 68 days. OPC is no longer tracking pending formal as a case status. Dismissals are up about 50%, but it is less than the overall percentage increase, which is about 80%.

Mr. Tobin discussed an example of the rapid resolution referral and how it can best serve the mission of OPC to better the relationship between the police and the community.

Mr. Vorndran brought up the New York Times recent article on testi-lying. Discussion followed on how OPC handles issues of officers or complaints being untruthful- which can included referrals to MPD and/or the US Attorney's Office.

## **VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

Mr. Vorndran moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Commander Kane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held May 17, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass