

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, May 17, 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

PCB Members Absent:

- Kurt Vorndran

OPC Staff Present:

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

Public Members Present:

- none

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was audio recorded. Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board roll call, Kurt Vorndran is absent.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comments were noted.

III. Adoption of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 22, 2018 PCB meeting. Commander Kane 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 court transcripts. They are also engaging community groups with in-person meetings. The report will be issued on behalf of the Police Foundation, and will not require a vote from PCB. Contract date for final report is June 30th.

V. Agency Report

Mr. Tobin reported that the potential new PCB member who was presented to the Council had a conflict of interest. The search will resume.

Mr. Tobin made note of a new ACLU lawsuit against MPD regarding stop and frisk data. This was also an issue for MPD during recent Council oversight and budget hearings, in terms of the requirements of the NEAR Act.

Mr. Tobin reported that the March for Our Lives protest monitoring, on March 24th, was uneventful.

Mr. Tobin report that Chauntini Clark has been promoted to investigator.

Mr. Tobin reported that all of the investigators, as well as Ms. Howard and Ms. Yass, have or will attend PDT at the Police Academy. Ms. Andrews has also presented to MPD recruit classes on civilian police oversight, and will continue to do so. There is continued cooperation with the Academy to keep investigators abreast of new trainings, such as a recent training for Sergeants on Tasers.

Mr. Tobin reported that the OPC budget for fiscal year 2019 was approved as requested. The Council has indicated that they are open to changing budget needs based on complaint numbers.

Ms. Andrews presented the investigations statistics. The case numbers are still higher than last year, but the increase is slowing down. Ninety percent of cases are closed within 6 months. And investigators are keeping pace so that there is not a backlog.

Mr. Ashton asked if there were any objections to not having a summer meeting. No objections were noted. Ms. Andrews will provide an update on the investigations statistics to the PCB by email in July.

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Commander Kane moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Ms. Strang seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held September 20, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass