

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, May 18, 2023
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 (virtual)
- Bobbi Strang
- Jeffrey Tignor (virtual)

PCB Members Absent:

- none

OPC Staff Present:

- Michael Tobin, Executive Director
- Alicia Yass, Deputy Executive Director
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Witney Comeau, Investigator
- Kevin Maldonado, Investigative Clerk

Public Members Present:

- Henry Tignor

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 March 16, 2023 meeting. Mr. Ashton seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by all members, and the motion passed.

IV. Old Business

None

V. Agency Report

Mr. Tobin gave a summary of the agency report.

Agency staff has begun to attend annual Performance Development Training sessions with MPD at the Metropolitan Police Academy

Staff updates:

On April 21, 2023, OPC bid farewell to Special Assistant Marke Cross.

On May 8, 2023, OPC welcomed new investigations clerk Kevin Maldonado.

On June 5, 2023, OPC will welcome summer investigative interns Dylan Berman from Tulane University and Kayden Ausin-Vaias from the University of Delaware. And law interns Tyler Keetch from American University Washington College of Law and Jose Salvador Icaza from University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

The hiring process for a new Investigator is at the interview stage.

The hiring process for a new Special Assistant is in the application stage.

The Dismissal schedule is updated

Investigations Report:

Ms. Andrews presented the Investigation statistics.

Complaints are back to the back to 2019 levels, a 20% increase over last year.

Closures are also up.

B24-0320 Update:

FY24 budget does not fund all pieces of the police reform legislation. Without funding the new aspects of the bill will not go into effect.

Uncertainty about the bill for at least FY24, but it could be funded in future budgets.

Next steps are to monitor the budget after second Council vote to determine what is enacted.

OPC also plans to work with MPD and try and to get cooperation to move forward on pieces that do not require funding.

VI. New Business

July meeting

The Board will plan to not hold a July meeting as usual, but if there are any changes regarding that police reform legislation that warrant a meeting then one can be held virtually.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Mr. Fowlkes moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Strang seconded. It was then unanimously approved by all members. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:34 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 21, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Executive Director, Alicia Yass