

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, May 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Location: Meeting was conducted via video conference

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
- Anthony Lawrence, Senior Investigator

Public Members Present:

- None

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board roll call. Paul Ashton, Earl Fowlkes, Bobbi Strang, and Jeffrey Tignor present.

II. Public Comment Period

None

III. Adoption of Minutes:

Mr. Fowlkes moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022, meeting. Mr. Ashton seconded the motion. All other 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.

On May 10, 2022, the DC Council voted on OPC's FY 2023 budget. A second vote is scheduled for May 24, 2022, before the budget is sent to the Mayor and then to Congress.

Mr. Tobin spoke with MPD Chief Contee a few hours prior to the PCB meeting. Chief Contee reiterated his commitment to reviewing all the PCB's past policy recommendations and MPD's progress with respect to implementing them.

The DC Council has two pending bills related to police reform and oversight which could make changes to OPC and the PCB. At this time there are no public hearings scheduled for these bills.

OPC recently hired a new Investigator and has begun the interview process to fill the vacant Senior Investigator position. The summer Investigative Intern and Law Clerk positions have also been filled.

The dismissal schedule has been updated and circulated to all PCB members.

Investigations:

Ms. Andrews presented the Investigation statistics.

Thus far there has been a slight decrease in cases for FY 2022 when compared to FY 2021.

VI. New Business

Mr. Cross provided a summary of the policy recommendation report on Warrantless Misdemeanor Arrests. Mr. Tignor moved to approve the report. Ms. Strang seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the report.

There will be no PCB meeting in July 2022. In lieu of the meeting, OPC will provide the Board members with a written progress report.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Mr. Fowlkes moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Ashton seconded. It was then unanimously approved by all members. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:26 pm. The next Board meeting will be held in September 2022.

Minutes prepared by Special Assistant Marke Cross.