

**Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, September 17, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Location: Meeting was conducted via video conference

PCB Members Present:

- Paul Ashton, Chair
- Commander Morgan Kane
- Kurt Vorndran
- Jeffrey Tignor
- Bobbi Strang

PCB Members Absent:

- Marinos Marinos, DC Police Union

OPC Staff Present:

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

Public Members Present:

- Marinos Marinos, DC Police Union

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board roll call. All Board members were present.

II. Public Comment Period

Marinos Marinos was the only member of the public in attendance and he did not have any comments, other than introducing himself.

III. Adoption of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 16, 2020 PCB regular meeting. Mr. Vorndran made a motion to approve the minutes, and Commander Kane seconded. Mr. Ashton, Mr. Tignor, Mr. Vorndran, Ms. Strang, and Commander Kane approved the minutes.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 13, 2020 PCB special meeting. Mr. Vorndran made a motion to approve the minutes, and Commander Kane seconded. Mr. Ashton, Mr. Tignor, Mr. Vorndran, Ms. Strang, and Commander Kane approved the minutes.

IV. Old Business

None

V. Agency Report

Director Tobin gave a summary of the agency report.

Police Foundation submitted a draft of the review of NSID. Anticipate it being published by the end of September.

Emergency Police Reform legislation is up for review to be made permanent. A hearing will be taking place in mid-October and Mr. Tobin will testify. The permanent legislation is substantially the same as the emergency legislation.

Police Reform Commission has held three meetings. Mr. Vorndran is serving on the Police Accountability Committee and the Reform of Police Practices Committee. Commission is still in its initial phases. A staff person from the DC Council has been assigned to work with the Commission, but they are also working toward a contract with an outside organization to provide staffing. Commission will ask for an extension for the report that would otherwise be due at the end of 2020. All meetings are open to the public. Ms. Strang asked if the Commission would be looking at the handling of First Amendment Assemblies, and the Riot Modernization Act.

Outreach:

Ms. Sutton presented at NACOLE on early intervention systems.

Samantha Jeffrey presented at NACOLE on sex worker outreach.

Jeff Tignor was a panelist on for "A Joint Forum: A Discussion on Police Accountability" presented by The Federations of Citizens & Civic Association.

Hiring:

Staff Assistant

Research Analyst

Investigator positions will open in the new fiscal year

Training and Conferences:

OPC now has access to Arcadis, MPD's on-line training portal.

Investigation Status:

Ms. Andrews presented the Investigation metrics. More officer interviews are choosing in-person interviews (77%), rather than virtual interviews (23%). Cases are up 2.5% from last year. Contacts listed in the Board report do not account for all contacts received about protests, which was about 1,700 contacts. Mr. Tignor asked that all this information be accounted for in the Annual Report. Mr. Ashton asked why Rapid Resolutions have increased. Mr. Tobin shared that MPD has acknowledged that Rapid Resolution is an effective way to resolve complaints and has been working with OPC to route more cases into that path when possible.

VI. New Business

Use of Force Report draft should be ready to send to the Board in the next few weeks. The Board will be asked to review before it is published.

Stop Data Policy Recommendation Draft

Ms. Yass summarized the draft for the Board. Commander Kane raised some questions on timing, and shared that the two universities who plan to do the stop data review are likely to make an announcement in the next two weeks. Mr. Tobin discussed the rationale behind the policy recommendation draft.

The Board decided to send the draft to MPD for comments, and to give them 1 week to respond.

Discipline Policy Recommendation Draft

Ms. Yass summarized the draft for the Board. Mr. Tobin reminded the Board that the Council has been asking him about discipline for the past several years during oversight hearings. Mr. Tobin also shared with the Board that he has brought up discipline issues on a regular basis in his quarterly meetings with the Chief of Police. Commander Kane raised concerns about the need for discipline to consider the individual nature of each incident and officer. The Board decided to send the draft to MPD and the DC Police Union for comments. The Board will then discuss how to proceed after the comments have been received.

ALPRs Policy Recommendation Draft

Ms. Yass summarized the draft for the Board and discussed the MPD comments on the draft. Mr. Ashton moved to approved the policy report, Commander Kane seconded. Roll call vote, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Tignor, Commander Kane, and Ms. Strang all voted to approve. Mr. Vorndran had to leave the meeting before the vote, but expressed his support before he left.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Ms. Strang moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Tignor seconded. It was then unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6pm via video conferencing.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass