

Police Complaints Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, September 20, 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 (via phone)
- Bobbi Strang

PCB Members Absent:

- Kurt Vorndran

OPC Staff Present:

- Michael G. Tobin, Executive 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 6:05 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 May 17, 2018 PCB meeting. Ms. Strang made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ashton seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

Mr. Tobin reported that the Police Foundation's inauguration day report was published on July 10, 2018. MPD says it has completed an after action report, but it will not be published due to requests from the US Attorney's Office and Office of the Attorney General, because of pending litigation.

V. Agency Report

Mr. Tobin reported OPC is on track to receive a record number of complaints again for Fiscal Year 2018.

Mr. Tobin noted that OPC is following the ACLU lawsuit against MPD regarding collection of stop and frisk data. Stop and frisk data collection by MPD is a NEAR Act requirement.

Mr. Tobin reported that on August 12 OPC monitored the Unite the Right rally. It was uneventful so no report was filed.

Mr. Tobin reported that two new community partners have been added- the Legal Aid Society of DC and the Central American Resource Center.

Mr. Tobin reported that the National Center for Transgender Equality presented to OPC staff on July 16, and the Network for Victim Recovery of DC presented on September 17. These presentations were to gain a better understanding of the organizations and learn about ways that OPC can work with them.

Ms. Andrews presented the investigations statistics. The case numbers are still higher than last year, but the increase is slowing down. It looks like at the end of the fiscal year it will be close to 800 complaints. Investigators are keeping pace so that there is not a backlog. Mr. Ashton asked for further information on the types of dismissals, and Ms. Andrews said she would follow up with that information via email.

Mr. Tobin told the PCB that he expects the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report to be ready for review by the end of October.

Ms. Strang asked whether OPC has looked into the possibility of a customer satisfaction survey. Mr. Tobin said it has been considered, but the current budget does not allow for one. However, MPD is currently undergoing a survey.

VI. New Business

Ms. Yass summarized Policy Report 18-3, Viewing Body-Worn Camera Footage On-Scene, which had previously been provided to the PCB for review. Ms. Strang moved to approve, and Commander Kane seconded. Policy Report 18-3 was unanimously approved.

Ms. Yass summarized the Outside Employment policy recommendation, which had previously been provided to the PCB for review. Ms. Strang moved to approve, and Mr. Ashton seconded. The Outside Employment policy recommendation was unanimously approved.

Mr. Tobin presented Peter Swanson as a new mediator for OPC. Ms. Strong moved to approve Mr. Swanson, and Mr. Ashton seconded. Mr. Swanson was unanimously approved.

Mr. Tobin presented Robert Randolph as a new mediator for OPC. Mr. Ashton moved to approve Mr. Randolph, and Ms. Strang seconded. Mr. Randolph was unanimously approved.

Mr. Tobin presented Roselyn Tyson as a new mediator for OPC. Commander Kane moved to approve Ms. Tyson, and Ms. Strang seconded. Ms. Tyson was unanimously approved.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Commander Kane moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Mr. Ashton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday November 15, 2018 at 6pm.

Minutes prepared by Legal Counsel, Alicia Yass