

**POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, March 11, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Location: Office of Police Complaints
1400 I Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

PCB Members Present:

- Kurt Vorndran, Chair
- Assistant Chief Patrick Burke
- Karl M. Fraser (via telephone)
- Margaret Moore
- Victor I. Prince (via telephone)

PCB Members Absent:

None.

OPC Staff Present:

- Philip K. Eure, Executive Director
- Ivelisse Cruz, Deputy Director
- Kesha Taylor, Chief Investigator
- Nicole Porter, Special Assistant

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vorndran called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. Review and Adoption of Minutes from January 14, 2010, PCB Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 14, 2010, meeting.

Chief Burke made a motion to adopt the minutes as written, which was seconded by Mr. Fraser.

Vote: 5 Yes (Vorndran, Burke, Fraser, Moore, and Prince)
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III. Caseload Statistics

Ms. Taylor provided an update on the agency's caseload and briefed the Board on issues related to the agency's oldest case. In response to Mr. Vorndran's question, Ms. Taylor stated that the data include complaints filed against officers of the Office of Public Safety (OPS, formerly the D.C. Housing Authority Police Department), but that the total number of these cases is extremely small. Responding to Chief Burke's question, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Eure stated that OPC periodically informs MPD of trends in OPC investigations that MPD could address through officer training. Ms. Taylor and Mr. Eure pointed out that the increase in the number of complaints being investigated thus far, as compared to last year, is largely due to the more than 30% surge in the number of complaints received in 2008, as well as the continuing high number of complaints filed in 2009. In addition, Ms. Taylor stated that there are more complaints being filed because of the agency's increased outreach efforts in 2009.

IV. Open Meetings Policy

Mr. Vorndran updated the Board on the agency's meeting with the D.C. Open Meetings Coalition. Mr. Eure stated that a draft of the open meetings policy is being reviewed by OPC management, with the goal of getting the draft to the Board in time for the next Board meeting.

V. Miscellaneous

Mr. Eure informed the Board that the agency's performance oversight hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2010.

Chief Burke advised the Board of upcoming protest events. In response to Ms. Moore's question, Mr. Eure and Ms. Taylor stated that the co-mediation program proposed by Professor Carol Izumi of the George Washington University School of Law is currently underway. Responding to Mr. Prince's question, Mr. Eure stated that OPC staff will prepare a list of proposed policy recommendation topics for circulation to the Board at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m. PCB's next regular meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Nicole Porter, Special Assistant.