

**POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Date & Time:** Monday, January 12, 2009  
6:30 p.m.

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

**PCB Members Present:**

- Kurt Vorndran, Chair
- Karl M. Fraser (by conference call at 6:30 p.m.)
- Victor I. Prince (by conference call at 6:45 p.m.)
- Margaret Moore

**PCB Members Absent:**

- Assistant Chief Patrick Burke

**OPC Staff Present:**

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

**Members of the Public Present:**

- Jeffrey Newbold, MPD Labor Committee Representative, Fraternal Order of Police

**Meeting Agenda:**

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Vorndran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Review and Adoption of Minutes from November 17, 2008, PCB Meeting**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2008. Mr. Fraser made a motion to adopt the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moore.

Vote: 3 Yes (Vorndran, Fraser, and Moore)  
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### **III. Caseload Statistics**

Ms. Taylor provided the Board with the caseload statistics update. She informed the Board that as of January 9, 2009, the agency had 227 open cases and 133 cases under investigation. Ms. Taylor also informed the Board that the agency had completed 103 investigations at this point, and received 111 complaints. Ms. Taylor further noted that as of January 9, there were 23 pending formals with the agency, 79 contacts, and 40 cases where a complainant contacted OPC, but did not provide the agency with a signed complaint.

Mr. Eure informed the board that, other than OPC's mediation numbers, which were up, the agency's numbers were basically at the same level that they were last year. Mr. Eure also reminded the Board that at the November meeting, a number of Board members had asked questions about the agency's caseload. Mr. Eure explained to the Board that the agency would defer discussing the specific caseload issues raised at the November meeting until the next meeting.

### **IV. Annual Report**

Mr. Eure informed the Board that the agency's annual report is in the process of being drafted. According to Mr. Eure, the report will be issued in mid-February, and the agency will be sharing a draft with the Board as soon as possible.

### **V. Protective Services Division Issues**

Mr. Eure informed the Board that the agency wanted to follow up with the Board on two questions that were previously asked by Mr. Vorndran: the number of citizen complaints that have been filed with OPC against Protective Services Division (PSD) officers, and PSD's process for handling citizen complaints. Ms. Taylor informed the Board that the agency had not received any complaints against PSD officers. Ms. Porter explained to the Board PSD's process for handling complaints. According to Ms. Porter, citizen complaints are filed with PSD's Chief or Assistant Chief. The Chief or Assistant Chief then refers the complaint to PSD's investigation division, which investigates the complaint and drafts a report of findings. The report of findings is then sent to the Chief and Assistant Chief, who make a determination as to whether any misconduct occurred, and, if so, the discipline warranted. PSD then sends the complainant a letter notifying them of the agency's decision with respect to a finding of misconduct. Mr. Vorndran asked if OPC knew how many complaints PSD typically receives. Ms. Porter informed Mr. Vorndran that the agency did not know the exact number.

## **VI. Miscellaneous**

Mr. Eure stated that the agency was working on two policy recommendations and that the recommendations should be coming to the Board for its review shortly.

## **VII. Personnel**

Mr. Eure informed the Board that the agency was still working to fill its open investigator position.

## **VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:51 p.m. PCB's next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Minutes prepared by Nicole Porter, Special Assistant.