

**POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Date & Time:** Monday, May 5, 2008  
6:30 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

**PCB Members Absent:**

- Margaret Moore
- Victor I. Prince

**OPC Staff Present:**

- Philip K. Eure, Executive Director
- Thomas E. Sharp, Deputy Director
- Kesha Taylor, Chief Investigator
- Nicole Porter, Special Assistant

**Meeting Agenda:**

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Vorndran called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**II. Review and Adoption of Minutes from March 10, 2008, PCB Meeting**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 10, 2008, meeting.

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

Vote: 3 Yes (Vorndran, Burke, and Fraser)  
0 No

**III. Caseload Statistics**

Mr. Sharp told the Board that the agency has had a pretty consistent volume of complaints over the past year, receiving approximately twenty to thirty complaints each week. Mr. Sharp stated that at that rate, by the end of the fiscal year, the agency will have received a very high number of complaints. Mr. Sharp was not sure of the reasons for the spike in the number of complaints received. He stated that typically, the agency received fewer complaints in the winter and more complaints in the summer. This year, however, the agency received large numbers of complaints in the winter, so it was unclear how many complaints OPC would receive this summer. Mr. Sharp stated that the investigative unit was a little short staffed, due to a few investigative vacancies, but added that the unit would be able to keep up with the number of complaints coming in.

Mr. Fraser asked how many complaints are normally received by the agency. Ms. Taylor responded that the agency typically received ten to twenty complaints each week, but added that it was now receiving twenty to thirty complaints. Mr. Sharp told the Board that the past few weeks were extraordinary with respect to the number of complaints received. Ms. Taylor stated that the investigative unit had done a good job with investigating and closing cases. She stated that the investigators' caseloads went up slightly, but not too much.

#### **IV. Proposed Policy Recommendation**

Mr. Sharp stated that the agency recently adopted detailed allegation subcategories in order to better track allegations contained in the complaints. OPC subsequently drafted a policy recommendation calling for MPD and DCHAPD to work to develop a similar set of subcategories. Mr. Sharp stated that the agency spoke to MPD about its proposal, and MPD's main concern was whether the subcategories could be integrated into the Department's new data management system, PPMS. Mr. Sharp asked the Board to get back to the agency with any comments about the policy recommendation by May 15.

#### **V. Miscellaneous**

Mr. Eure informed the Board that the PERB hearing had concluded, but stated that there had been no decision issued by the hearing examiner yet. Mr. Sharp informed the Board that the agency's budget hearing went very well and that the agency received a 6% increase in its annual budget.

#### **VI. Personnel**

Mr. Sharp stated that the agency was currently interviewing persons from the District of Columbia Protective Services Division for the security guard position, and expected to hire someone within the next few weeks. Mr. Fraser asked if the District of Columbia Protective Services Division was the same as Hawk One, and Mr. Sharp stated that it was not. Mr. Vorndran asked if there was a reason why the agency did not have jurisdiction over Protective Services, and Mr. Sharp stated that he did not know of one. Mr. Vorndran suggested that OPC look at the legislative history surrounding the creation

of the agency and determine why the agency does not have jurisdiction. Mr. Vorndran also asked if there were other District law enforcement agencies that were not covered by OPC's governing statute. Mr. Eure informed the Board that the agency would look into these issues and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Eure stated that the agency had hired two new investigators, Norma Bryan and Teresa Quenemoen. Mr. Eure also informed the Board of the departure of two OPC staff, Investigator Kevin Smith and Assistant Chief Investigator Peter Paris.

## **VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m. PCB's next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2008.

Minutes prepared by Nicole Porter, Special Assistant.