

CITY OF SPOKANE ETHICS COMMISSION

Ethics Commission's Findings, Conclusions and Decision Regarding Complaint filed by Evan Sims against Ombuds Bart Logue

FINDINGS

The Ethics Commission makes the following findings:

1. On or about September 8th, 2025, Evan Sims filed an ethics complaint against Spokane Police Ombuds Bart Logue.
2. Mr. Sims alleged acts of moral turpitude, deception, and misconduct by the Spokane Police Department. "Bart Logue failed to process legitimate complaints when an internal investigator demonstrably lies and [his] refusing to do so is quite obviously untrustworthy and unjust". Mr. Sims complaint lists that he believes Ombuds Logue violated the section regarding Commission of Acts of Moral Turpitude or Dishonesty Prohibited of SMC 1.04B.050. Mr. Logue's complaint inaccurately attributes that prohibition of conduct as Section M. The proper section of 1.04B.050 for this allegation is section N. The complaint by Mr. Sims was reviewed with the proper section in mind.
3. On September 8th, 2025, Staff Director Megan Kapaun forwarded the complaint to the Ethics Commission.
4. In the time between the complaint being alleged and the next meeting of the Ethics Commission, Staff Director Kapaun reviewed the complaint for jurisdictional issues pursuant to SMC104B.150A to see (1) if Ombuds Logue is subject to the Code of Ethics and (2) if the alleged conduct, if found to be true constitutes prohibited conduct in violation of any provision of SMC 1.04B.050. Staff Director Kapaun determined that Ombuds Logue is subject to the Code of Ethics and that the alleged conduct, if true, is a violation of SMC 1.04B.050 and recommended to the Ethics Commission that at the September meeting the complaint be moved to investigation.
5. On September 17th, 2025, the Ethics Commission held a meeting to review the complaint to determine whether, pursuant to SMC 01.04B, the Commission had jurisdiction to conduct further proceedings and whether the complaint, on its face, alleges facts that, if true, would substantiate a violation. At the meeting, the Commission considered the September 8th, 2025 complaint filed by Mr. Sims in conjunction with the Code of Ethics listed in SMC 1.04B.050.
6. An Independent Investigator was retained and following the procedures of SMC 1.04B.160, they interviewed witnesses necessary for a review of the alleged conduct. The Independent Investigator sent the completed report to the Commission on January 29th, 2026 and made a recommendation that the complaint be dismissed.
7. On February 11th, 2026, the Ethics Commission held a Special Meeting where four Commissioners were in attendance. The Commission discussed the report and moved to dismiss the complaint. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

CONCLUSIONS

The Ethics Commission makes the following conclusions:

The complaint met the requirement 1.04B.140 with respect to the complaint being submitted on the correct form and by alleging a violation against the respondents as elected officials in the City of Spokane who are subject to the Ethics Code. The allegations in the complaint, if true, warranted review by an Independent Investigator under 1.04B.160. After thorough review by the Independent Investigator, the allegations were not found to be substantiated, and a dismissal was recommended under 1.04B.170.

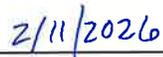
DECISION

Based upon the Findings and Conclusions set forth above and the review of the Independent Investigator, the Ethics Commission concludes that the complaint by Mr. Sims must be dismissed pursuant to SMC 01.04B.170.

This decision was approved by a vote of 4 to 0 of the Ethics Commission. 4 Commissioners were present for the meeting which constitutes a quorum.



Jennifer Huffaker, Chairperson



Date