



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

February 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 1:13

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn and Elizabeth Kelley
- Legal Counsel: Dennis Hession
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Items Session

- The Agenda was unanimously approved
- The January 22nd minutes were unanimously approved

Public Forum

- No public speakers

Administrative Specialist Update

- Upcoming Community events and potential trainings
 - A Night of Courageous Conversations 2/23/19 – Commissioner Wilburn, Commissioner Smith and OPO staff will attend.
 - Why Race Matters Workshop 3/2/19 – Commissioner Rose will attend
 - NACOLE Webinar Best Practices When Working with the Media 3/21/19

OPO Report

- OPO report highlights
 - 131 contacts, 9 complaints, 10 Referrals, 17 OPO Interviews, and 9 IA Interviews
 - 53 meetings with SPD – including the biweekly IA/OPO meetings
 - 2 critical incidents on January 7th and January 23rd
 - Mr. Logue discussed his concerns regarding an invitation to Commissioner Wilburn from SPD to come to Internal Affairs (IA) to view the requested Body Worn Camera (BWC) videos.

Commissioners' Business

- Legal update
 - Meeting scheduled (2/20) regarding the complaint filed by the OPOC on Chief Meidl with Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Smith, City Legal and City HR.
 - The meeting will cover Commissioner Wilburn's denied access to un-redacted BWC footage and denied IA Pro access for Christina Coty.
 - With the recent development of Commissioner Wilburn being able to view the BWC videos at IA, a portion of the complaint looks to be resolved.
- Letter to Chief Meidl
 - Regarding IA viewing of use of force BWC videos with Commissioner Wilburn.
 - OPOC Legal Counsel encouraged the OPOC to respect the Ombudsman's position. Also recommended holding off on sending the letter until after the meeting regarding the complaint.
 - Commissioners agreed on waiting to send the letter.

- Update on Ordinance Change
 - Was unanimously approved by City Council on 1/28/19.
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Rose attended the NAACP meeting on 2/18. NAACP President Kurtis Robinson conducted an Implicit Bias training.
 - Commissioner Smith had no additional talking points.
 - Commissioner Wilburn discussed the upcoming Night of Courageous Conversations and the psychological effects of slavery.
 - Commissioner Kelley had no additional talking points.
- 2019 Potential guest speakers
 - Kurtis Robinson – NAACP, Sandy Williams – Black Lens
 - Possibly someone from the educational system (Shawn Jordan?)

Motion Passes or Fails: 2

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:43PM

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -
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