

# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

March 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 1:31

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

#### Attendance

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

## **Items Session**

- The Agenda was unanimously approved after removing guest speaker Kurtis Robinson from the agenda. Mr. Robinson will be rescheduled for the April meeting.
- The January 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes were unanimously approved.

# **Public Forum**

• No public speakers

# Administrative Specialist Update

- Upcoming Community events and potential training opportunities
  - SPD In Service Training March/April
  - SPD Citizens Academy June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - SPD Enhancing the Survival Mindset
    - Part 1 May 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Part 2 May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Spokane Islamic Center Program to honor the victims of the New Zealand terrorist attacks – March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45pm
  - O SCAR Meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
  - B.E. Open Mic Night Celebration of Women's History Month March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-8:30pm
  - O Rethinking Incarceration April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm 9:00pm
  - NACOLE Credits Tracking and updates

### **OPO Report**

- OPO report highlights
  - o 101 contacts, 4 complaints, 4 referrals (SCSO), 17 OPO interviews
  - o 3 cases 2 certified, 1 returned
  - Abstained from 1 case due to the involvement of C18-055 (decision that OPOC voted on)
  - 21 special cases
  - o 1 case referred for mediation. The mediation will take place on 3/20.

## **Commissioners' Business**

- Facilities Support of the OPO
  - 2 thank you letters to Asset Management for their support after a security event at the
     OPO
  - OPOC approved the letters
- Use of Force Dashboard update

- Police Strategies have finally received the necessary information from SPD to build the dashboards.
- o It will take approximately 3-4 months to get the dashboards online.
- OPO is interested in signing a 5 year dashboard update contract which would save approximately \$20,000.
- Commissioner Rose is interested in having Mr. Scales come back to show the functionality of the dashboards once they are completed.

#### • NACOLE Resources

- A library of resources for civilian oversight agencies is being created by utilizing other agencies around the country.
- Bart invited Commissioners to send him any ideas of resources they would like to be included.
  - Commissioner Wilburn would like to see data comparing uses of force between
     Spokane and other jurisdictions across the country.
- Executive Session
  - Began at 6:31pm and ended at 6:48pm
- Commissioner Speak Out
  - Commissioner Rose attended the Race Matters on March 2. She said it was a great workshop. She was particularly interested in the discussion about the history of race issues.
  - Commissioner Smith attended Courageous Conversations on February 23. He stated that he learned so much about African American history, what they went through when they came to the Americas, and gained more understanding into the culture.

Motion Passes or Fails: 3
Meeting Adjourned at: 7:01PM

Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file - Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission

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