



# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

April 16, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 1:59

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

## Attendance

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

## Items Session

- The Agenda was unanimously approved.
- The March 19th minutes were approved, Commissioner Kelley abstained due to being absent from meeting.

## Public Forum

- Megan Pirie
  - Bail Project and mental health updates – We need to have more treatment options for people getting out of the jail system. 70% of the people in jail were homeless with substance use disorders

## Guest Speaker: Kurtis Harris - NAACP, Spokane Chapter President

- Centennial Celebration took place on April 15<sup>th</sup> in the same location the Spokane chapter originated
- Focused on getting out into the community to find out exactly what is happening
- Next Meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Community Building
- Implicit Bias training and work with De-Escalate Washington
- Prison re-entry, last class did not have any African Americans who went through

## Analyst Brief

- Force Science Advance Specialist Course coming to an end
- IACP law officer spring training – police advisors discuss updates in the law for policing

## OPO Report

- OPO report highlights
  - 100 contacts, 8 complaints, 11 referrals, 8 OPO interviews
  - 11 cases – 6 certified, 5 returned
  - 12 special cases
  - 1 case was mediated

## Commissioners' Business

- Legal Update
  - I-940 – Mandated training updates and changes to the standard for charging officers involved in officer involved shootings from malice to intent or considered in good faith. They are currently looking at reasonable as the standard.
- June Meeting
  - OPOC Chair will be out of town on the scheduled date in June, suggested changing the date.

- OPOC voted unanimously to cancel the June Meeting.
- OPOC will revisit the July Meeting date.
- Retreat Discussion
  - Revisited items that were discussed during the retreat:
    - Engage with the community and inviting more groups to OPOC meetings.
    - Replacement for District 1 Commissioner (Council Member Burke and Fagan responsible for replacement).
    - Possibly invite a representative from the Bail Project. Commissioner Kelley will work on inviting the founders or someone local who would be able to speak about it.
- Summer Community Engagement Plans
  - Create a list of upcoming Community events that the OPOC will be able to attend
  - Unity in the Community, Pride, FBH Client Fair, Native Project – 30 years of Service to Spokane, Rise for Justice, Out Spokane Breakfast, and Gathering at the falls
  - Christina will continue to look for opportunities.
- Annual Report Update
  - Hoping to have out the first draft in May.
- Commissioner Speak Out
  - No additional comments

**Motion Passes or Fails: 3**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30PM**

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