



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

August 18, 2020

Meeting Minutes: 1:26

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn, and Elizabeth Kelley
- OPOC Commissioner absent: Blaine Holman
- Legal Counsel: David Bingaman
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Items Session

- Agenda: Approved - Unanimous
- July 21st minutes: Approved - Unanimous

Guest Speaker

- City Council President Beggs
 - Discussed Police Reform, Office of the Police Ombudsman Ordinance changes, Police Guild contract.

Public Forum

- No one signed up to speak

OPO Monthly Report

- The OPO continued to see an increase in contacts and above average complaints for the month of July. In addition experienced an above average case work load
 - 133 contacts, 6 Complaints, and 12 Referrals.
 - 13 special cases, 17 cases; 3 were returned for further investigation.
 - NACOLE Virtual Conference started this month leading to the OPO attending 11 trainings.

Commissioners' Business

- OPOC Legal Contract Update
 - Concerns with verbiage in the OPOC legal contract.
 - The current contract doesn't allow the OPOC's legal counsel to sue the City, which prevents the overall independence of the commission.
- Commissioner Vacancies
 - There will be 2 vacancies on the OPOC starting in September.
 - District 1 (Blaine Holman) and District 2 (Elizabeth Kelley) will have their terms expire and will not seek re-appointment.
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Smith – Discussed the NACOLE Virtual Conference, how the sessions are very helpful. Asked how to keep track for the CPO certification. Asked about the "Being an Ally" training Mr. Logue attended with Dr. Wilburn
 - Commissioner Wilburn – Discussed Commissioner Smith's question of what Dr. Wilburn's training "Being an Ally" is and his obstacles with NACOLE Webinar trainings

- Commissioner Kelley – Tonight is her last OPOC meeting and wanted to extend her thanks to CP Beggs for his appointment and all of the OPOC / OPO for the kindness shown during her time. Wishes that she would have been able to grasp the policies and procedures surrounding the ordinance and the positions quicker.
- OPOC September meeting
 - Would like to have all the commissioners consider cancelling the September meeting, because we may not have 2 replacement commissioners.
 - Motion to cancel the September meeting –
 - Unanimous Vote cancel September meeting

Motion Passes or Fails: 3

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:57pm

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