



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

February 16, 2021

Meeting Minutes: 1:45

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn, Luc Jasmin and Lili Navarrete
- Legal Counsel: David Bingaman
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Items Session

- New Commissioner for District 2 Introductions – Lili Navarrete
- Agenda approved
- January 19th minutes approved
- Guest Speaker – Council President Beggs
 - Update on the Police Guild Contract – The City, Police Guild and Legal have come to a tentative agreement.
 - Changes to the Oversight portion of the contract
 - OPO Closing Reports are authorized to publish once the disciplinary process is over.
 - The OPO will have more and easier access to information.
 - Independent investigations will require written notice to IA as to what the OPO would do different in the investigation. IA will be given the opportunity to conduct the investigation with said recommendations. If they decline, the decision will go to the OPOC to vote on how to proceed.
 - If the OPO is acting outside of their authority, the matter will go to arbitration. The arbitration process will only determine if the OPO is working outside of their authority. They will not have the authority to remove the Ombudsman, OPO Staff, or an OPOC Commissioner

Public Forum

- None

OPO Report

- January Report
 - 6 community events for the year
 - 106 Contacts, 0 complaints and 11 referrals
 - 7 cases certified, 1 Critical incident (OIS)
 - Trainings - Daigle Use of Force Seminars, NACOLE Webinar - Analyze Use of force data

Commissioners' Business

- OPMA Overview – Mr. Bingaman
 - Went over some basics of OPMA violations and the quorum and provided suggestions
- OPO/OPOC Annual Report – Commissioners Smith

- Discussed the reports content and expectation of delivery
- Deputy Police Ombudsman – Commissioner Smith
 - Would like to send a letter requesting action on the title for Luvimae by HR
 - Motion – for letter creation, Motion approved unanimously
- Commissioner Speak out – Why did you become involved in the OPOC?
 - Commissioner Smith – His focus is on why we are doing what we are doing. How can I help get oversight that is recognizable that moves for our citizens?
 - Commissioner Rose – She wanted to do something for the community and applied. Was asked to speak in Olympia on Senate Bill 5436. Her focus was that the Police Guild should not be able to choose the Ombudsman and the Ombudsman should be able to write anything in closing reports. If we want to be 100% transparent, the Police Guild should not have any input on the Ombudsman or on any reports from the OPO. The Bill is moving forward to the next stage.
 - Commissioner Wilburn – He recognized that some police officers act a certain way but they have alternatives and his focus is on that.
 - Commissioner Jasmin – He was interested in the commission because many in the community do not trust the people that you are supposed to call for help.
 - Commissioner Navarrete – She wanted the Latino community to have greater representation. Many of them do not report crimes or DV situations because of language barriers and possible threats of deportation.
- March Meeting Date Change
 - Vote to change the OPOC meeting from March 16th to March 23
 - Vote to cancel the March 16th OPOC Meeting - Unanimous
 - Vote to have meeting on March 23rd - Unanimous

Motion Passes or Fails: 4

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:15

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