



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

June 15th, 2021

Meeting Minutes: 2:24

Meeting called to order at 5:38pm

Attendance

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

Briefing Session

- Agenda approved
- OPOC Legal Contract –
 - The OPOC creating a committee to discuss the contract changes that will need to happen for the next year. Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Rose will make up the committee.
- May 18th minutes approved by majority. Commissioner Rose abstained.

Items Session

- Public Forum –
 - Anwar Peace – Police Accountability activist
 - A year ago, George Floyd was murdered by the police. Most jurisdictions have moved forward with police reform or after action reports on protests which happened in their cities. In those reports we see that the majority of force being used was by the police. This police department has not put out a report and has filed a grievance on the OPO who was willing to write such a report. The round table discussions that occurred last month did not go well. He would encourage the OPOC to speak to the City Leaders in order to encourage reform.
- OPO Monthly Report
 - 9 Complaints in May which was significantly higher than the rest of the year. Overall, complaints are still down. We were contacted by community members 97 times. 4 Cases were reviewed and certified by the Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman as the Deputy is completing training on IA interviews and case certification. The OPO attended 19 IA interviews and 12 community Interviews. The OPO presented 1 recommendation to the Chief of Police for mediation, which will be conducted in June. The OPO is working with City Legal regarding the requirement to write reports on mediations in the CBA.
 - The OPO sent City Legal the closing report drafts for review. However, City Legal was not willing to sign off that the reports met the requirements of the CBA because City Legal wants to maintain separation from the OPO. This presents an issue regarding legal representation for the OPO.
 - Bart will be out of the office for 2 weeks starting next week
- Ellis Case Discussion
 - First Case to have the GA charge officers with murder

- OPO Closing Reports
 - The Deputy Police Ombudsman presented the Closing Report for A20-038/C20-081
 - The Police Ombudsman presented the Closing Report for F20-033/C20-090/OPO 20-59

Commissioners' Business

- Police Guild Contract Discussion
 - Both the Ombudsman and the Deputy went over how they handled some of the specific restrictions that the OPO has to walk through when writing a closing report as part of the CBA.
- OPO Recommendations
 - Commissioner Rose motioned the 7 recommendations in the 2 closing reports
 - Passed 3 votes for, 1 Abstain due to internet connection issues
- Training: NACOLE Annual Conference and Ride-Alongs
 - NACOLE has 2 options for the Annual conference this year; online and in-person.
 - The online conference will have approximately 32 webinar sessions and will be August 16 – October 7, 2021. The in-person conference will be held in Tucson, AZ December 12- 16.
 - Ride-Along requirement
 - With restrictions being relaxed from COVID, any commissioner who is vaccinated and interested in going on a ride along per the ordinance requirement should let Christina know.
 - The Ombudsman will be fulfilling his ride-along requirement in June
- July Meeting Date Change –
 - Unanimous Approval to Cancel the July OPOC Meeting
- Executive Session
 - Start Time – 7:40Pm
 - End Time – 8PM

Motion Passes or Fails: 4

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:02

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