



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

May 23, 2023

Meeting Minutes: 1:35

Meeting called to order at: 5:30 pm

Attendance

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

Briefing Session

- Agenda – Approved
- April Minutes – Approved.

Items Session

- **Public Forum:**
 - There were no community members signed up to speak
- **Ombudsman April Monthly Report:**
 - 129 contacts, 2 complaints filed, 8 referrals, 1 mediation was conducted, 12 cases certified, 1 declined to certify - the investigation was not sent to the OPO for certification due to the employee being represented by Local 270
 - Pierce County Oversight discussion before the Tacoma County Council & NACOLE Peer to Peer Review creation
 - Met with 2 candidates who are running for office on the request of the candidates.
- **OPO Annual Report:**
 - Community member contacts increased 15% over the previous year, cases certified by the OPO decreased 14% over the previous year, special cases reviewed increased 86% over the previous year, oversight of IA interviews decreased 49% over the previous year, meetings with the SPD increased 47% over the previous year
 - First Independent Investigation was conducted per the request of the OPOC. The independent investigation included 5 recommendations.
 - Ladd Smith: Letter to the Mayor was a balanced letter of celebration and opportunity. The focus of the NACOLE principles of oversight and the emphasis of independence was an important addition to the letter
 - Jenny Rose: Would like to have some clarity on the difference between Inquiry and Administratively Suspend.

Commission Business

- **OPOC Annual Report**
 - First independent investigation was approved. The OPOC approved 13 OPO recommendations for 2022.
 - Training was a big highlight for the OPOC – NACOLE, OPOC Retreat was facilitated by the Training director of NACOLE
 - We will be focusing on our pursuit of independence for the OPO, a proper work space and an analyst for the OPO in order to provide full support for the OPO.
 - OPO Annual Report Vote – Unanimously Approved

- OPOC Annual Report Vote – Unanimously Approved
- **June / July OPOC meetings**
 - Vote to cancel these meeting – Unanimously Approved
- **NACOLE Annual Conference**
 - Conference will take place in Chicago November 12 – November 16
 - Interested in attending: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Navarrete and Commissioner Jasmin.
 - Commissioner Rose will get back with me.
- **Commissioner Speak Out**
 - Commissioner Rose – Would like to know of upcoming trainings with the SPD, like citizens academy and ride alongs. (Christina will reach out to Lt. Reese to obtain information)
 - Commissioner Smith – Being on the OPOC since 2015, it is really exciting to see the growth of the OPO. Being recognized for the work that our OPO is doing in the oversight community is a huge accomplishment. It shows how respected the Ombudsman and the OPO as a whole are.
 - Commissioner Navarrete – The professionalism and respect that Ombudsman Logue and the office show the community is apparent. Commissioner Navarrete was awarded The Sandy Williams Trailblazer award from Eastern Washington University.

Motion Passes or Fails: 2

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:05

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