



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

September 19, 2023

Meeting Minutes:
Meeting called to order at: 5:35 pm

Attendance

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

Briefing Session

- Agenda – Approved
- August Minutes – Approved

Items Session

- **Public Forum:**
 - There were no community members signed up to speak
- **Ombudsman August Monthly Reports:**
- 232 contacts, 1 mediation conducted, 1 complaint, 3 referrals, 12 cases certified, 1 case returned for further investigation, 17 special cases reviewed, 11 IA interviews attended
- City Budget opportunities – was able to cut approx. \$11,000
 - Commissioner Rose is beyond frustrated that they have required us to cut our budget which is also very small.
- **OPO Closing Report: F23-009**
 - **R23-06:** In addition to establishing a tracking system which accounts for all uses of force as previously recommended in OPO recommendation 19-03, The OPO recommend that the Spokane Police Department change its current terminology of non-reportable force to non-reviewable force which would reinforce that all force, regardless of severity, is required to be reported on while only a subsection of that force received automatic chain of command subsequent reviews.
 - **R23-07:** The OPO recommend that the Spokane Police Department ensures that parameters regarding the use of approved police techniques and equipment by clearly placed into police or standard operating procedures to ensure that the uses follow Washington State laws governing force, compliance and de-escalation.
 - **R23-08:** The OPO recommend that the use of force review board provide formal feedback to supervisors on departmental guidance when significant differences in critical evaluations occur.

Commission Business

- **Closing report recommendation approval**
 - R23-06 through R23-08 are Approved
- **Investigation Procedure Discussion**
 - Proposed language Approved
- **4th Quarter Meeting Dates**
 - October meeting cancelled

- November meeting will occur on regular date November 21st
- December meeting will be decided during the November meeting
- **Commissioner Speak Out**
 - **Rose** – Ride along in NE Precinct, How long should we be without the mayoral appointee. Can we make a language to create a timeline for the appointment
 - **Navarette** – Excited to be back
 - **Jasmin** – Thank-you for all the work. Excited for NACOLE

Motion Passes or Fails: 5

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:47

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