



Office of Police Ombuds Commission Minutes

April 15, 2025

Meeting Minutes: 2:08

Meeting called to order at: 5:30

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Jenny Rose, Luc Jasmin, Ladd Smith, Amy McColm, Phillip Wetzel
- OPOC Commissioner absent: None
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana, Christina Coty
- OPOC Legal – Brennan Schreiber

Briefing Session

- Agenda and minutes – Commissioner Jasmin motioned to approve the agenda and minutes; Commissioner McColm seconded
 - 5 commissioners approved

Items Session

- Public Forum: No one signed up to speak
- Guest Speaker – Assistant Police Chief Matt Cowles
 - Discussed his experience in the department and the hopes he has for the department going forward.
 - Answered questions about Use of Force and how they are moving forward
- Ombuds Monthly Report for March
 - 267 contacts, 16 OPO interviews, 1 letters of appreciation, 4 complaints, 5 referral, 11 cases certified, 8 IA interviews, 2 review boards, 14 special cases, 7 trainings
- OPO Annual Report 2024
 - Discussed the highlights of the annual report
 - Increase in contacts, community meetings, citizen interviews related to potential complaints, OPO generated complaints, special cases reviewed and SPD review boards
 - 44 complaints submitted to SPD through OPO
 - 6 critical incidents
 - 5 closing reports with 21 recommendations
 - 9/21 implemented, 2/21 in progress, 1/21 partially implemented, 6/21 no response, 1/21 not implemented, 2/21 under reviewed

Commission Business

- OPOC Annual Report – Discussed OPOC highlights for 2024
 - Approved 21 OPO recommendations
 - Hired independent legal representation
 - OPOC started laying the groundwork for OPO budget independence
- OPO / OPOC Annual Report approval

- Commissioner Wetzel motioned to approve both reports; Commissioner Smith seconded
 - 5 commissioners approved both reports
- OPOC Retreat- June 26th 9am -3pm and June 27th 10 – 1pm
 - New Commissioners training
 - Resolution for expansion of commission
 - OPO / OPOC expectations for new commissioners and new OPO staff
 - Ongoing training options for commissioners
 - Community Outreach and what that looks like (materials etc)
 - Put a review together list of items from last year – Christina will work on this
 - 2026 work plan
 - How do we put together responses to elected officials
- Legal advisor information
 - History of the amount of the contract budget
- Training at SPD Academy
 - 8am – 12pm Christina will send out to the directions and flyer
- May meeting
 - May 20th at West Central Community Center
- Commissioner Speak out
 - McColm – I don't have anything this evening
 - Wetzel – He attended a seminar about mapping mental illness and drug abuse. This is a group of people who continually work on these issues every day. They need to be acknowledged
 - Jasmin – Kudos to the OPO. He heard a lot of positive things after Mr. Logue spoke at the Magnuson meeting
 - Smith – Did a ride along and was struck by how much time was taken up by one person who was not honest. The officer was awesome and showed great concern for the persons well being by continually checking in with them
 - Rose – Attended the SPD awards. Very impressed with the event and speak with the officers

Motion Passes or Fails: 2

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:38

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -
Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission**

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