



Office of Police Ombuds Commission Minutes

May 20, 2025

Meeting Minutes: 1:27

Meeting called to order at: 5:32pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Jenny Rose, Luc Jasmin, Ladd Smith, Amy McColm, Phillip Wetzel (phone)
- OPO staff members present: Luvimae Omana, Christina Coty, Sydney Parkman (Intern)
- OPOC Legal – Brennan Schreibman

Briefing Session

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

Items Session

- Public Forum: No one signed up to speak
- Guest Speaker – Anwar Peace – Human Rights Commission
 - Make recommendations to the City Council for Human Rights
 - Recommended the Civil Rights office (Jarrell Haynes) which they were part of the hiring process.
 - Hosting the Courageous Conversations Series: May 28th with partnership the NAACP 5:30pm-7:30pm Spokane DT Library 3rd Floor? There will be a live stream Bart will be on the forum
 - SPD Demonstration Day was a well-rounded look at the SPD Special teams, and it was very much appreciated
 - Hoping for more SPD Demonstration days it was not nearly long enough.
 - Would like to discuss how to have the Human Rights Commission and the OPOC work together
 - The new SPD Administration (Chief Hall) was very willing to work with Courageous Conversations. Chief Hall is very committed to community outreach. It's not just lip service He is bring ICAT for new de-escalation training for the officers
 - Collaboration can look different between the commissions but that is important to strengthen going forward. Support and celebrate each other.
- Ombuds Monthly Report for April
 - 140 contacts, 10 OPO interviews, 2 letters of appreciation, 3 complaints, 1 referral, 9 cases certified, 11 IA interviews, 4 trainings
 - Upcoming Closing Report requested by an officer 3 times in a week.
 - Upcoming Closing Report a use of force will be working on that after the chain of command review
- OPO Job Postings

- Deputy Ombuds posted last week – currently have 4 qualified candidates
- Project employee Program Professional – need to create a job, that could take 6 months to 1 year to complete.
- OPOC will wait to see what is on the MOU prior to writing a letter to the Administration

Commission Business

- OPOC Retreat Update
 - Will be held at the Spokane South Hill Library
 - June 26th 9am-3pm Lunch at Ladd's and 27th 10am-1pm
- Upcoming meetings
 - Commissioner Smith motioned to approve cancelling the July meeting; Commissioner McColm seconded
 - 5 Commissioners approved
- Commissioner Speak out
 - McColm – None
 - Wetzel – None
 - Jasmin – Can we do something for Luvimae to recognize her accomplishments with the OPO
 - Smith – None
 - Rose – None

Motion Passes or Fails: 2

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:57

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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