



Office of Police Ombuds Commission Minutes

August 19, 2025

Meeting Minutes: 1:57

Meeting called to order at: 5:31pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Jenny Rose, Luc Jasmin, Ladd Smith and Amy McColm
- OPOC Commissioners absent: Phillip Wetzel
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Lissa Mascio and Christina Coty
- OPOC Legal – Brennan Schreiber

Introduction

- Agenda and minutes – Commissioner Jasmin motioned to approve the agenda and minutes; Commissioner McColm seconded
 - 4 commissioners approved
- Introduction of New Deputy Ombuds – Lissa Mascio
- Public Forum:
 - Jim Leighty- Speaking in favor of Ombuds Logue. Would like to recommend removing the 3-year term for the Ombuds position. This is the only position in the City that has term limits besides the mayor.
 - Debbie Novak – Attorney General Office Bill, Introduced during the 2025 session. The name of the bill will be changing to Oversight for Law Enforcement and Corrections. This is meant to address systemic issues in an agency.
 - Anwar Peace – Thanked Ombuds Logue for his participation in the Courageous Conversation. Discussed his upstairs neighbor, Josh who was killed and his concerns surrounding the killing of Josh by the SPD.
 - Christian Kinney – Discussed his June 11th protest experience and concerns
 - Kevin Strickland – Discussed his June 11th protest experience and concerns
 - Sierra Louse – Discussed her June 11th protest experience and concerns
 - Hadley Morrow – Discussed her June 11th protest experience and concerns. Requests follow up on the DRT metrics
 - Lydia Sitherelli – Discussed her June 11th and protest experience and concerns
 - Commissioner Jasmin has concerns about the SPD response to the Washington Working Act and the violation of this law.

OPOC Reports

- Ombuds Monthly Report for May, June and July
 - Contacts 647, Complaints 16, OPO Interviews 52, Referrals 11, Mediation 1, Cases Certified 24, Special Cases 21, IA Interviews attended 27, Review Boards 5, Meetings with SPD 151, & Community Meetings 55

Commission Business

- OPOC Retreat discussion

- We had lots of great discussions during the retreat. NACOLE facilitators were very pleased that every commissioner attended. Having these events always cements the reason why we are doing what we are doing.
- The idea of inviting academics to the OPOC meeting and how to make this happen was an area that resonated with the commission.
- Civilian Oversight can't fix everything but without it you cannot fix anything
- OPO Contract renewal discussion
 - Executive Session: 7:04 – 7:15
 - Commissioner Smith motioned to approve a contract for 3 years; Commissioner Jasmin seconded
 - Approved and accepted unanimously
- OPOC Legal Contract
 - Due to the current OPOC legal counsel being at a new law firm, we will be creating a new contract for Brennan Schreiber from August 1st – December 31st
- Community Events
 - National Night Out: 12 parties attended in the City of Spokane. It was great to get out in the community and speak with community members about the OPO
 - Unity in the Community: Was a wonderful turn out this year.
- Upcoming Training
 - SPD In-Service: Christina will send out dates to the commission and please let her know when you would like to attend.
 - NACOLE Annual Conference: We currently have 2 commissioners signed up, if you are interested, please let Christina know as soon as possible.

Motion Passes or Fails: 2

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:28

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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