

Office of Police Ombuds Commission Minutes

November 18th, 2025

Meeting Minutes: 2:20

Meeting called to order at: 5:33pm

Attendance

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

Introduction

- Agenda and minutes – Commissioner McColm Motioned to add an executive session to the agenda. Commissioner Wetzel seconded, **Approved - Unanimous** Commissioner McColm moved to approve the August minutes; Commissioner Wetzel: seconded, **Approved - Unanimous**
- Public Forum – No one signed up to speak

OPO Reports

- September / October Monthly Reports – 925 Contacts (many of these were at USOA, IACP and NACOLE Annual Conferences), OPO submitted 9 complaints, 13 Cases were certified, 1 case was returned for further investigation, the OPO declined to certify 3 cases, attended 24 IA Interviews, attended 5 review boards where 12 UOF, 12 Collision & 3 Pursuit cases were reviewed, 110 meetings with SPD, 18 community meetings, and 18 training events
- Closing Report F25-006
 - Recommendations:
 - R25-11 – The OPO recommends that SPD supervisors evaluate and provide findings for officer actions. Using both the Use of Force policy and the de-escalation policy every time that there is a reviewable use of force. Additionally, supervisors should also evaluate officer tactics and provide instructive guidance in non-reviewable uses of force when possible, using both policies to clarify expectations and reinforce training.
 - R25-12 – The OPO recommends that the Spokane Police Department update Policy 300 – De-Escalation and Policy 301 – Use of Force to explicitly integrate the principles of the Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics program.
 - R25-13 – The OPO recommends that SPD review and revise its reporting practices to remove the use of “canned language” or template phrasing in officer reports, supervisory reviews, and Use of Force Review Board summaries and instead use a chronological narrative format with plain language and descriptors that are consistent with the officer’s perceptions and actions in the moment.
- MOU Update – Met with the Mayor yesterday. The mayor fully supports our office in what capacity we can. We believe that we are closer to getting the MOU completed. Complaint investigations for the June 11th have started to hit our office.

OPOC Business

- Closing Report Recommendation Vote
 - R25-11 – R25-13: Commissioner Jasmin Motioned to approve the recommendations from Closing Report F25-006. Commissioner Wetzel seconded, **Approved - Unanimous**

- OPOC Chair / Vice Chair Election
 - Commissioner Wetzel motioned to add elect Commissioner Jasmin for the 2026 Chair of the OPOC Commissioner McColm seconded, **Approved – Unanimous**
 - Commissioner Rose Motioned to add elect Commissioner McColm for the 2026 Vice - Chair of the OPOC Commissioner Wetzel seconded, **Approved – Unanimous**
- NACOLE Annual Conference Briefing
 - Commissioner Jasmin: It was great to develop deeper relationships with the commissioners during this conference. Every year he attends he is prouder of the OPO Especially by seeing how engaged attendees were during the panel that the Ombuds Logue and Chief Hall presented.
 - Commissioner McColm: Really enjoyed her second NACOLE Conference. She came away with ways to get more information into their hands from other jurisdictions and other organizations. Seconded Commissioner Jasmin's comment about the joint panel with the OPO and Chief Hall. A lot of other agencies came away a little jealous of Spokane because of the relationship that the OPO / OPOC has with the Chief and how you work hand in hand to make changes for the better in the department.
 - Commissioner Wetzel: Explained NACOLE (National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement. It became apparent that most of the civilian oversight organizations were initiated after the tragedy that could have been prevented. The trauma from those events is real, raw and it doesn't diminish with time. The importance of what we do can not be overstated. We are very lucky here in Spokane for what we have and do here.
 - Commissioner Rose: The first class we attended was for Boards and Commissions and were lucky enough to sit with the Minneapolis Oversight to gain more understanding about the events that were taking place before, during and after George Floyd. Want to thank Chief Hall for not only presenting during the conference but attending a panel during every session.
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Rose: Read a Then and Now article pertaining to an unarmed 17 years old being shot by a City of Spokane Police Officer. They demanded an independent investigation.
 - Commissioner McColm: None
 - Commissioner Wetzel: None
 - Commissioner Jasmin: None
- December OPOC Meeting: Commissioner Jasmin motioned cancel meeting, Commissioner Wetzel Seconded: 3Ayes, 1 Nah. **Motion Approved with Majority Vote**
- Executive Session – Starts: 6:59 – 7:30, Extended Session 7:31 -7:51

Motion Passes or Fails: 6

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:53

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