



Office of Police Ombuds Commission Minutes

April 21, 2026

Meeting Minutes: 2:03

Meeting called to order at: 5:30pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Jenny Rose, Luc Jasmin, Amy McColm, Annabelle Henry
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Christina Coty
- OPOC Legal: Brennan Schreibman

Introduction

- Introduction of New Commissioner Henry
- Remembering Commissioner Phillip “Dutch” Wetzel
- Agenda and minutes – Commissioner Rose moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Jasmin seconded. **Approved – Unanimous** Commissioner Jasmin moved to approve the February meeting minutes; Commissioner Rose: seconded. **Approved – Unanimous;**
- Public Forum – No one signed up to speak
- Guest Speaker – Maggie Yates: Deputy City Administrator
 - Discussed the City’s Coordinated Outreach and Deflection with the following partners: 311 System, 911 System, SPD, Fire/EMS, Coordinated Street Outreach, Daytime Navigation Center, Scattered Site Shelters, Civilian Response, and Abatement Team

OPO Reports

- March Monthly Report – 218 contacts, 14 OPO Interviews, 7 Complaints, 14 Referrals, 9 Cases Certified, 1 Case Declined to Certify, 10 Web Cases Reviewed, 1 Review Board, 12 Special Cases, 97 SPD Contacts, 12 Oversight meetings, 5 Trainings
- Closing Report F25-065
 - R26-05 - R26-08

OPOC Business

- Closing Report F25-065 Recommendations Vote
 - R26-05: SPD should amend Policy 301 to clarify that drawing or displaying a firearm to compel compliance, even without intentional pointing, is a reportable force event requiring documentation and supervisory notification.
 - R26-06: SPD should revise Policy 301 to clarify that an immediate threat requires present ability, immediate opportunity, and intent to cause serious physical injury or death, not a possible future danger separated by distance, obstacles, or time for reassessment.
 - R26-07: SPD should revise Policies 301 and 302 to reduce the gap between reportable force and reviewable force. An incident should not remain solely reportable if it presents significant tactical, de-escalation, or escalation concerns. SPD should require those incidents to be routed for supervisory BlueTeam review and, when appropriate, forwarded to the Use of Force Review Board.
 - R26-08: SPD should combine the requirements of Policy 300 into Policy 301 because de-escalation is not collateral to the use-of-force analysis; it is central to determination of whether force is necessary and reasonable.

- Commissioner McColm moved to approve all recommendations from F25-065; Commissioner Rose seconded;
 - Commissioner Henry requested that the recommendation approvals be voted upon separately.
 - Commissioner McColm moved to approve R26-05; Commissioner Rose: seconded
 - **Approved – Unanimous**
 - Commissioner McColm moved to approve R26-06; Commissioner Rose: seconded
 - **Approved – 3 Aye, 1 Nay**
 - Commissioner McColm moved to approve R26-07; Commissioner Rose: seconded
 - **Approved – Unanimous**
 - Commissioner McColm moved to approve R26-08; Commissioner Rose: seconded
 - **Approved – Unanimous**
- June Meeting
 - Commissioner Jasmin discussed moving the June meeting date to June 30 from June 16th. Commissioner Jasmin moved to move the June meeting date to June 30th; Commissioner Rose seconded. **Approved – Unanimous**
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Rose – Discussed the Otto Zehm 20th anniversary remembrance. This is the reason why we are here and why we exist. She spoke with Judge Beggs who explained the creation of the OPO and OPOC. Would like to invite him to come speak at an upcoming meeting.
 - Commissioner McColm – In the news there has been a report from the state auditor regarding the implementation of the de-escalation portion of the I-940 reform package that states only 14 or 15% of departments are on track to finish the by the due date. She would like to know if we can find out where our department is in completing those requirements. She went on a ride a long with a 25-year veteran of the SPD and learned that they have never discharged their weapon. She hopes that is something many of the officers at SPD aspire to.
- Executive session 7:09 – 7:30
 - Commissioner Jasmin moved to approve the Performance Appraisal Review for the City Employee; Commissioner McColm seconded. **Approved – Unanimous**

Motion Passes or Fails: 8

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:33pm

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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