



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

October 15, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 2:55

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn, Elizabeth Kelley and Blaine Holman
- Legal Counsel: Dennis Hession
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Items Session

- Agenda approved
- August 20th minutes were approved upon making requested changes from Commissioner Kelley

Public Forum

- Rick Bocook – He has watched the SPD become more aggressive with the homeless downtown. Would like to see more accountability on limited commission officers (ie: STA Officers)

OPO Report

- OPO Highlights for September
 - 65 contacts, 5 complaints, 20 referrals, 11 OPO interviews
 - 6 cases certified, 15 special cases reviewed
 - 6 community events
- Training / Conferences – Calibre Press, United States Ombudsman Association (USOA) Annual Conference, National Associate for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Annual Conference

Analyst Update:

- Use of Force Policy Update – Breakdown of the changes made to the policy
- New Policy 300 – De-Escalation: Time Tactics, Creating a window of opportunity to use less lethal force
- International Ombudsman Expo, Women in Ombudsman Leadership – Abuja Nigeria

Administrative Specialist Update:

- USOA Conference – Dealing with Difficult Complainants & Managing Unreasonable Complainants
- Complaint Breakdown – Majority of complaints are Inadequate Response followed by Demeanor
- Upcoming Events – Courageous Conversations, SCAR Meeting, Meet and Greet – Center for Justice

Commissioners' Business

- Introduction of New District 1 Commissioner – Blaine Holman
 - Former Corrections Officer
 - Current Firefighter
- NACOLE Annual Conference Recap – Commissioners Wilburn and Holman
 - Discussed the various panels that they sat in on and biggest take aways

- Chair and Vice Chair Nominations for 2020
 - Commissioner Wilburn Nominated Commissioner Rose for Chair
 - Commissioner Kelley Seconded
 - Vote – Unanimous
 - Commissioner Wilburn Nominated Commissioner Smith for Vice–Chair
 - Commissioner Kelley Seconded
 - Vote – Unanimous
- OPO Recommendations
 - R19-01: Juvenile Miranda Rights
 - Vote Unanimous
 - R19-02: Use of Force Reporting on False Identity
 - Vote Unanimous
 - R19-03: Reportable Uses of Force
 - Vote Unanimous
 - R19-04: Use of Force Policy Changes regarding IA section
 - Vote Unanimous
- Letter to City Council – Full Time Administrative Specialist Position
 - Vote Unanimous
- Position Title Change – Analyst to Deputy Ombudsman
 - Vote Unanimous
- Executive Session – 7:56 – 8:24
 - Ombudsman Logue PAR and Legal Counsel RFP
 - Will be Opening a Legal Counsel RFP for 2020

Motion Passes or Fails: 10

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:25pm

**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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