



# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

March 23, 2021

Meeting Minutes: 1:55

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

## Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn and Lili Navarrete
- Legal Counsel: David Bingaman
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

## Briefing Session

- Agenda approved
- February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes approved

## Items Session

- Public Forum – No one signed up to speak
- Monthly Report Format Change
  - New look to make it easier to read with the most important information regarding the monthly work of the OPO included
- Ombudsman Monthly Report
  - 136 Contacts, 1 complaint and 7 referrals
  - 3 cases certified, 1 returned and 1 mediation recommended
  - Discussed the Police TA and what changes impact oversight
- OPO Annual Report Overview – Bart Logue / Luvimae Omana

## Commissioners' Business

- OPOC Annual Report Overview – Commissioner Rose
- OPO/OPOC Annual Report Approval
  - OPO Report – Approved Unanimously
  - OPOC Report – Approved Unanimously
- Deputy Police Ombudsman Position Update – Commissioner Smith
  - There is some movement happening in HR pertaining to the position
- Op-Ed Written by Chief Meidl
- Commissioner Speak Out – Why We Became Commissioners
  - Commissioner Smith – I thought about why we are doing what we are doing. How can I help get oversight that is recognizable and works for our citizens?
  - Commissioner Rose – She wanted to do something for the community and applied. Was asked to speak in Olympia on Senate Bill 5436. If it passes, the Police Guild will not be able to choose the Ombudsman and the Ombudsman can write closing reports. If we want to be 100% transparent, the Police Guild should not have any input on the Ombudsman. The Bill is moving forward to the next stage.
  - Commissioner Wilburn – He recognized that some police officers act a certain way but they have alternatives.
  - Commissioner Jasmin – He had concerns about when you don't trust the people you are supposed to call for help, you don't trust.

- Commissioner Navarrete – She wanted Latin community to have representation. They don't report crimes or DV situations because of language barriers and possible threats of deportation.

**Motion Passes or Fails: 4**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 7:25**

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -  
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