



# Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

April 16, 2024

Meeting Minutes: 2:12

Meeting called to order at: 5:33pm

## Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Luc Jasmin, Amy McColm
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana, Christina Coty
- City Legal – Tim Szambelan

## Briefing Session

- Agenda – Approved
- February Minutes – Approved

## Items Session

- **Public Forum:**
  - Anwar Peace
    - Discussed how 10 years ago the SPD asked the Department of Justice to come in to conduct a technical assistance reform initiative. This resulted in 42 recommendations. One of the recommendations was to have the Ombudsman sit on the Chief Advisory Board. The Ombudsman has since been removed from that Board.
    - Mr. Peace asked for an additional DOJ technical assistance reform review
  - Debbie Novak
    - Spokane is in crisis for deaths of community members at the hands of police. We are currently ranked #2 in the nation. This is very unique for a city of our size and is alarming.
    - Hog-Tying was banned in the latest legislative session
- **Guest Speaker: Detective Dave Dunkin – Police Guild President & Sgt Trevor Winters – Police Guild Vice President**
  - Focus on bills statewide WACops State wide largest and oldest representation for Washington
  - Encouraged with the new administration. He's optimistic that the chronic issues that we have.
  - Either party can request to re-open the contract and negotiate further.
  - Contract expires in 2026, Negotiations should start prior to expiration but City of Spokane is notoriously waiting for the contract expires
- **Ombudsman February and March Monthly Report:**
  - March was insanely busy
  - Declined 1 case – The case was discovered during the annual report process.
    - The case was involving a 270 employee
  - Post the public safety meeting to the OPOC FB page
  - Themes in review boards – De-Escalation

## Commission Business

- **Introductions:**
- **Pursuits:** Sgt Winters discussed the changes of legislation - a Police Officer cannot pursue unless the person has broken the law. This was just rolled back to levels prior to 2020.
  - SPD will review the risk vs. the reward
  - The officers do not need to ask to pursue, they just need to let them know.
  - Goes into effect in June
- **OPOC Legal**
  - Advertisement Spokane County Calendar Call, Gazette,
  - Motion to search with limitations – Approved
  - Sheila Hansen will help with Scope.
- **Commissioner Speak Out**
  - **Jasmin** – Excited to have Amy and the people who came tonight

**Motion Passes or Fails: 3**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 7:42pm**

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