

Minutes of Wednesday, December 1, 2010 Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

David Wilma, Chair:	P	Steve Freng, Member:	P
Tina Bueche, Vice Chair:	P	Martha Norberg, Member:	E
George Davenport, Member:	P	Pat Sainsbury, Member:	P
Michael Pendleton, Consultant:	P		

*(Absent = A, Present = P, Excused = E, * = by phone)*

Guests: Anne Levinson, OPA Auditor; Melissa Bartholomew, OPARB Member-designee

Public Comment – Melissa Bartholomew informed members present that there would be a community meeting at 6:30 Thursday, December 2, organized by Mothers for Policy Accountability, as well as other groups. The meeting will be held at 500 30th Avenue S., and the Reverend Harriet Walden is the contact.

Minutes - The minutes of the November 18 meeting were adopted with one addition.

El Centro de la Raza – OPARB’s December 16 5:30 p.m. meeting will be held at El Centro de la Raza. Please arrive by 5:00 if you wish to tour their new facility. The address is 2524 16th Avenue S, Seattle, 98144 (the old Beacon Hill School). The number is 329-9442. This will be a regular meeting, but a portion will be devoted to issues of interest to the El Centro group.

SPD/Community Relations – Michael was contacted by Chief Diaz, who is assembling a group to brainstorm way to increase understanding between police and citizens. Members asked Michael to ask that they be part of such a group.

File Review – Two files are ready for review at the OPA office. Contact Sonja Lalor at 615-1566 to set up an appointment to read the files. Anne described the files as two use of force cases; one with a video. She suggested that members review the files first before viewing the video. She suggested reviewing for thoroughness, objectivity, approach to analysis, and quality of questions.

Case Analysis Criteria – David and Michael have drafted a document to assist in reviewing files. David will email the draft to the rest of the group.

David will send Melissa the Merrick Bobb paper on use of force that was presented at NACOLE.

Public Safety Committee Meeting December 15 – The OPA Auditor and Director and OPARB members will present their recent reports, some of which were created jointly. Nancy will send members an advance copy of the agenda as soon as it is available.

Work Groups

OPA Findings – Nothing to report at this time

Data Collection – Kathryn, Anne, Sonja and Tina will meet again Thursday, December 2. Kathryn and Tina will also meet to talk about reaching out to other established groups, beyond the identified diverse groups on which the Board has been focusing.

New Business – George needs assistance on the topic of how OPARB might respond to SPD incidents in the news. Michael suggested that Martha (absent at this meeting) had an interest in this area; Tina agreed to work with George on this issue as well.

The meeting was convened at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Notes taken by Nancy Roberts

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 5:30 at El Centro de la Raza, 2524 16th Avenue S. Arrive at 5:00 to be included in a tour of their new facility.

