

OPARB
Minutes of
Wednesday, June 5, 2013 Meeting
11:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Dale Tiffany, Chair - P
Liz Holohan, Member - P
Pat Sainsbury, Member – P
Michael Pendleton Consultant - P

Joe Hawe, Member - P
Claudia D’Allegrì, Member – A

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

1. Approval of Minutes and the Agenda

Approved.

2. Andrea Brenneke, Director of Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice is a process where all stakeholders affected by an injustice have an opportunity to discuss how they have been affected and to decide what should be done to repair the harm. With crime, restorative justice is about the idea that because crime hurts, justice should heal. It follows that conversations with those who have been hurt and with those who have afflicted the harm must be central to the process.

Andrea’s experience includes over 20 years of social justice work. In addition to her work facilitating Restorative Circles, she is currently an attorney at MacDonald, Hoague & Bayless, working on Civil Rights, Employment Discrimination, Personal Injury, Sexual Harassment, Whistle-blower Litigation, and Disability Rights.

Andrea worked closely with the John T. Williams family and the First Nations Community to facilitate opportunities for healing, support, and feedback after John T. Williams death.

While OPARB and the Community Police Commission have been created to address the issue of police accountability, Andrea’s program is being developed to address the needs of the community.

3. Report / Discussion on CPC Presentation

Dale gave a summary of the OPARB presentation at the CPC committee meeting. He was able to describe OPARB’s recommendations to the Council and provide some feedback about Legislation from the Harrell office addressing these concerns.

Dale was also able to clarify some of the challenges that OPARB has faced in their work on Police Accountability. Commission members expressed surprise at some of these limitations.

4. Discussion – Annual Report, New Legislation Status



CPC voted unanimously to not support the Legislation. There is some question about what to do now considering that CPC doesn't support the Legislation. The top priority is filling the OPARB vacancies, and if the legislation doesn't pass out of committee that may not happen.

Dale is going to contact the Harrell office and see what he can do about the vacancies.

5. New Business

Meeting for the 3rd of July Cancelled due to Holiday. Rescheduled for July 10th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Pat will not be at the July 20th meeting.

Let Lisa Basher know if you want to attend the NACOLE Conference in Salt Lake City, UTAH, September 22-26.

6. Adjourn

