

OPARB
Minutes of
Wednesday, August 6, 2014 Meeting
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Elizabeth Holohan, Chair – P
Joe Hawe, Member – P
Al Marks, Member – P

Donald Felder, Member – P
John Levytsky – P
Michael Pendleton, Consultant – P

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

1. Approval of agenda and minutes

The agenda and minutes for Wednesday July 16, 2014 and July 30, 2014 were approved.

2. Meeting with OPA Director

Pierce Murphy, the Director of the Office of Professional Accountability (OPA), attended the meeting to learn what OPARB had planned for the future. The members explained that they wanted to reengage with the city's citizenry and wished to work with OPA in order to achieve this.

The Board went onto explain that they had been working on project ideas for their Strategic Plan and what the goals for these projects were. Director Murphy viewed collaboration in achieving these goals would be a beneficial use of each other's time. How this would ultimately be shaped was a matter for further discussion.

Director Murphy went onto explain recent events involving OPA. Recently OPA changed the way they reported findings. Doing so was meant to simplify the reporting system in order to help eliminate confusion. They had also finalized plans for opening a new office in October. Tentatively there is an open house in November, which the general public is invited.

3. Strategic Plan Projects

Based on their discussion with Director Murphy, the Board felt that further revision of the Strategic Plan Projects was necessary.

4. Website Review

The group discussed the need to do some more work on the website but did not come to any decisions. Updated photos of the Board members were also taken for the website.

5. Old Business

More discussion was held on the need to fill openings within OPARB. It was reiterated that anyone who worked or lived within the city limits was eligible to apply and that anyone interested should review the OPARB website.

6. New Business

The Board discussed the upcoming NACOLE meeting and who would be attending. Since NACOLE is held during a regular meeting week, there will be no September 17 meeting. The option of rescheduling for the week before or the week after was left on the table.