

Minutes of Thursday, May 20, 2010 Meeting
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Guests: Kathryn Olson, OPA

The meeting was held in the Sam Smith Conference Room on the 2nd floor of City Hall and was called to order at 5:38 p.m. There was not a quorum present, so no official actions were taken.

NACOLE Conference: Kathryn Olson reported that fundraising and speaker recruitment continue. The Review Board can help by using the outreach list to publicize the conference and solicit registrations. There was discussion of mailing perhaps three different times. Organizations can also sponsor scholarships. There will be two keynote speakers, Tom Perez, head of the DOJ Civil Rights Division and Mr. Ybarra who specializes in immigration issues. Seattle will host a party Wednesday night, Sept. 22nd in the Bertha Knight Landes Room at City Hall. There was discussion of obtaining Continuing Legal Education credits for attendees.

Police Chief Search: Tina had nothing new to report. The process is on schedule.

OPA Auditor: Kathryn reported that Judge Terrence Carroll has accepted the appointment as interim civilian OPA Auditor. This will help immeasurably with the current workload, particularly the You Tube case which is demanding most of Kathryn's time. Kathryn does not know the status of the permanent auditor appointment. Pat reported that Carl Marquardt said the Mayor's office understands the pressing need to name a permanent OPA Auditor. The group agreed that Pat should draft and circulate a letter to the Mayor's office including some of the desirable attributes discussed at the Board's May 5 2010 meeting.

OPA Auditor Report: Members noted the upgrades from PIRs. Kathryn explained the system of intake and classification. A Lieutenant makes the initial classification recommendation. The OPA director and the auditor meet weekly to review new case classifications and concur on upgrades or downgrades. This is the first time the director sees the cases.

Dave Wilma wanted more information on Capt. Gleason's ethics assignment and Kathryn provided some examples (can officers accept free coffee?).

There was discussion of the in-car video issue mentioned in the report. Dave Wilma agreed to do some background research on the operation of the video equipment.

Lake Union/You Tube Alleged Use of Force/Racial Bias Case: Kathryn calls this the You Tube Case because OPA first obtained the video after it was posted on You Tube. Kathryn prefaced her remarks with the reminder that OPARB is not to have access to or participate in open investigations, so she was careful not to divulge any confidential information. She focused on procedural, not substantive matters. Kathryn briefed the board on the case, including how

the case first came to the attention of SPD, its assignment to OPA, and SPD's efforts to obtain and review the video. There is a criminal investigation and the conduct of the other officers present is being reviewed as well the conduct of officers who allegedly had contact with KCPQ about whether to air the video. The bargaining unit contract has contradictory language making management of this matter very complicated.

The meeting was convened at 5:38 p.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Notes taken by David Wilma and Pat Sainsbury

The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. in the Boards & Commissions Room L280, City Hall.