

OPARB
Minutes of
Wednesday, December 12, 2012 Meeting
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Joe Hawe, Member - P
Claudia D'Allegrì, Member – E
Joe Hawe, Member - P

Michael Pendleton, Consultant: - P

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

Guests: Councilmember Bruce Harrell

Minutes

1. Approval of today's agenda and minutes from Nov. 28, 2012

Today's agenda and minutes from 11-28-12 were approved with revisions.

2. Continuation of Case Study discussion

The board discussed challenges of communication and case review with the OPA system. It makes it very difficult to analyze cases when the system is flawed. The board's focus should be on improving the system. Liz met with Kathryn Olson to outline problems experienced during the last case review, such as the file organization and the computer systems. The board continued the discussion about the potential to reach out to the OPA Auditor and Director to develop a project addressing the concerns noted above. Also the board discussed the need for them to clarify with OPA the type of cases they wish to review. The board is also wondering if they can get a monthly listing of open cases and a monthly listing of closed cases, both by classification. It was suggested that the board might be interested in closed cases classified as "lawful and proper" and "insufficient evidence". They might also find potential bias and abuse of the system if they review supervisor investigations.

3. Councilmember Harrell - Update of Vacancies and New Legislation

Councilmember Harrell thanked the board for their hard work and for being patient with the vacancies and other issues that have come up. He let the board know that they are hoping to fill all vacancies once his proposed legislation passes. The legislation would include increasing the board members of OPARB from 7 to 9 members. They discussed the process of filling the positions of the Community Police Commission. They are hoping to have the commission in place by mid January. Discussion continued about the meeting the board had with the new Police Monitor, Merrick Bobb and his staff. CM Harrell continued with information about body cameras for Police Officers, letting the board members know of the challenges he faces moving forward on this topic.

4. OPARB Report Recommendations and Next Steps

The draft Communication Draft Protocol document was discussed and the board would like to proceed with making it final.

5. Proposed Police Guild Meeting

The board is still interested in meeting with the Police Guild, potential dates for the meeting was discussed and will be continued at the next meeting on January 2, 2013

6. New Business

The December 20, 2012 evening meeting was cancelled.

Notes taken by Linda Diibon

The next public meeting will be held on January 2, 2013 at 11:30 am in the Sam Smith Conference Room # 214, 2nd floor, City Hall.