

OPARB
Minutes of
Wednesday, July 30, 2014 Meeting
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Joe Hawe, Member - P
Liz Holohan, Chair - 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. Strategic Plan – Research Projects

The meeting began with Scott Lindsey and Barney Melekian (Advisor), from the Mayor's office, coming to the talk with the Board. They stated that Seattle currently had a good accountability model, but that different aspects had been created at different times. This has created a complex system that they are examining in depth. Based on their examination they will issue a recommendation to the Mayor on how best to proceed. By the end, the Board felt that this conversation had been productive.

OPARB continued discussion on the strategic plan, which highlights certain goals they would like the Board to focus on. These goals were broken down into research projects.

A main focus was being able to address all the goals at a manageable level. Doing things in small segments shows OPARB's commitment to being an effective body now and for the future.

How the research projects will be conducted was a matter of heavy consideration. Members hoped for an opportunity to work with OPA in facilitating a productive flow of ideas and material. Pierce Murphy will be meeting with OPARB during the August 6, 2014 meeting, which will present a good discussion platform for both parties.

The Board also debated the full extent in which they were able to exam items. As a result it was moved and seconded that the Chair request a formal written opinion from the City Attorney concerning the review of individual cases. All members were in favor.