

OPARB
Minutes of
Wednesday, October 1, 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. Meeting with Councilmember Harrell

OPARB had the pleasure of having Councilmember Bruce Harrell (Chairman of the Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee) attended this meeting. Starting off, he stated that there is currently a lot of work within Police Accountability at the moment. With that being said, changes in the current structure are likely so as to avoid redundancy. What that change may be is still a matter of debate, especially as recommendations are still being finalized.

Councilmember Harrell acknowledged that OPARB has done amazing things over the years. Members also pointed out that even with diminished membership, the Board was still able to publish materials. The Board also relayed to Councilmember Harrell that now that they are able to meet quorum, they were excited to meeting the goals of their work plan. Based on his conversation with the Board, Councilmember Harrell suggested that they have another/continued discussion when time allowed.

2. Agenda/Minutes Approval

Due to time constraints, the minutes for September 24, 2014 were not approved.

3. Work Plan Updates

Pierce Murphy, the Director of OPA, was also in attendance of this meeting. He conveyed that he would be able to provide OPARB with the requested case files and that all that was needed was a way of transferring them safely. The Board discussed the options available to them and based their decision on the most secure choice. They then proceeded to discuss procedure that they would use in looking at unredacted files so as to maintain confidentiality. Director Murphy

offered his assistance where he could should members have any questions about the files.

4. Old Business

Members of the public who were interested in joining OPARB attended the meeting to observe and engage where they could. Applications are still being taken for open positions.

5. New Business/Adjourn.

A special meeting was scheduled for October 22, 2014 in order to meet current work load demands.