

Community Police Commission (CPC)

February 15th, 2023, 9:00am

Via Zoom Conference Call

- I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
- II. Attendance

CPC Attendees: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriett Walden, Joel Merkel, Alina Santillan, Mark Mullens, Suzette Dickerson, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Joseph Seia, Le'Jayah Washington, Jeremy Wood

CPC Absences: Asha Mohamed, Mary Ruffin

CPC Staff: Cali Ellis, Felicia Cross, Megan Clark, Logan Rysemus

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 02/15/23 meeting agenda

Moved: Joel Merkel

Seconded: Suzette Dickerson

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from 02/01/23

Moved: Rev. Harriett Walden

Seconded: Suzette Dickerson

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

➤ Action items Review

IV. Public Comment

- Howard Gale
- Castill Hightower
- Matthew Mitnick

V. Community Police Commission Updates

- Co-Chair Updates:
 - Recognition of Feb. 1st incident where SPD engaged with community and a resulting OPA investigation case has been opened. (Case number: 2023OPA-0060)
- Workgroup Updates / Staff Department Updates:
 - Dr. Cali Ellis, Policy Director, brought attention to vehicular pursuit bills

in the current legislative session. Dr Ellis asked for commissioner input and responses to an overview document that was shared.

- Additional updates regarding new CPC staff starting on March 1st.
- Commissioner Jeremy Wood gave an update on the legislative advocacy workgroup and an amendment that the workgroup will be submitting to the legislature.
- Complainant Appeals workgroup, Commissioners Wood and Ruffin, met with a New York oversight agency and what their complainant appeals process looks like.
- Dr. Cali Ellis discussed the yearly CPC Co-Chair elections that will take place on March 1st.

➤ New Business: NA

VI. Presentation by Dr. Richard Rosenthal with Commissioner Discussion

- Dr. Richard Rosenthal has been hired by the Federal Monitor to conduct an assessment of the Seattle Police Accountability System.
- Dr Rosenthal shared his assessment methodology: data collection, review all consent decree filings regarding police accountability, review all published reports and website content for CPC, OIG, and OPA, stakeholder interviews, review of arbitration decisions and SPD terminations of officer employment.
- Dr. Rosenthal asked CPC Commissioners questions regarding the police accountability systems its ability to provide rigorous and sustainable oversight of SPD.
- Commissioners responded with concerns about the accountability systems enforcement capabilities. The CPC can only make recommendations, but these recommendations do not have to be followed. Additionally, multiple commissioners raised concerns regarding police contract negotiations with the city and historic undercutting of accountability progress.

VII. Executive Session and Commission Vote

- Commissioners entered executive session for 20 minutes and returned to the public bi-monthly meeting upon completion of the session.
- The CPC Executive Director resigned on Friday, February 17th, 2023.
- Commissioners underwent a vote to appoint an interim Executive Director.

Action: Motion to appoint Dr. Cali Ellis as the CPC's Interim Executive Director

Moved: Joel Merkel

Seconded: Jeremy Wood

Approved by voice vote.

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

VIII. Meeting Wrap-Up

IX. Meeting Adjourned