

Community Police Commission (CPC)

June 4, 9:00 am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call

- **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- **Take Attendance**

CPC Attendees: Raven Tyler, Anthony Gaedcke, Mark Mullens, Arlecier West, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Ken Nnsimbi, Joseph Seia

CPC Absences: Joel Merkel, Le’Jayah Washington, Rabbi Benchlouch

CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Taryn Darling, Devina Wijaya Moser, Dorian Waller, Mario Teulilo, Kiernyn High, Masooma Ibrahim, Mergitu Argo

- **Review Agenda & Minutes**

Action: Motion to approve the draft agenda for 7/2/2025 and minutes from 5/7/2025

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Approved by voice vote.

- **Community Police Commission Updates**
 - **Co-Chair Updates-** Per the Accountability Ordinance, CPC Commissioners must make up at least 25% of the search committee for the next OPA Executive Director. Co-Chair Joel Merkel will represent the CPC on the search committee, and Executive Director Eci Ameh will participate as part of the panel that interviews the finalists.
 - **Vote on Proposed Revisions to Bylaws**
 - Article VII.A.2.
 - The first vote was on the revision of Article VII.A.2, which removes the requirement for the Community Engagement Committee to meet outside of business hours.
 - The motion to revise Article VII.A.2 passed.

- Article III.F. and Footnote 1
 - The second vote was on the revision of Article III.F. and the associated Footnote 1, updating outdated ordinance references to reflect the correct ordinance (126860) and correcting an oversight from the May 2023 Bylaws update.
 - The motion passed.

- **Seattle Metro Chamber Index Survey**
 - Presentation by Commissioner Lars Erickson and Andrew Thibault of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, who previously shared last year’s survey results with the Commission.
 - This year’s data showed positive trends in public safety perceptions.

- **Department Updates**
 - Mayor’s Office – No update
 - Monitoring Team- No update
 - DOJ- No Update
 - OPA-
 - Provided an update that their youth art contest was recently completed. Additionally, they shared that most civilian staff have been participating in the three-day SPD control tactics course, aimed at enhancing their understanding of SPD practices and procedures.
 - Shared that their team is now fully staffed, with an Administrative Staff Assistant on board for just over a month.
 - OIG-
 - Published their annual report, highlighting last year’s activities and opportunities for future collaboration with CPC.
 - Released a new publication on “excited delirium”, a term not recognized by major medical organizations but still referenced by SPD and the CARE team.
 - OIG recommends discontinuing its use, citing disproportionate impacts on Black men and concerns about associated practices such as sedation. The preferred term going forward is “acute behavioral crisis”. SPD-No Update

- **Executive Director Updates**

- CPC hosted the quarterly meeting on Monday with leadership from SPD, OIG, OPA, and Chief Barnes. The meeting began with a discussion of each department's role in the accountability system to help orient Chief Barnes, followed by updates on current work. There was a strong sense of momentum, with partners identifying new opportunities for collaboration — especially around policy and community engagement. The group also discussed the local and national climate surrounding immigration.
- **Community Engagement Updates**
 - Last month, the Community Engagement team held their first CPC 101 training in the community, with approximately 50 attendees. Many shared that they were previously unaware of the CPC and its role, highlighting the importance of continued outreach. The team also participated in about ten community events throughout the month.
- **Policy Updates**
 - The Policy Team provided a brief update on the Chief of Police Investigations Legislation and shared a new Policy Communications document.
 - The purpose of the material is to clearly communicate that the CPC is independent from SPD — our role is to amplify community voices, listen, advocate, and push for meaningful change.
- **Communications Updates**
 - Communications Director Kiernyn High shared a brief update on his attendance at the NAGC 2025 Communications School Conference.
- **Commissioner's Committee and Workgroup Updates**
 - The Community Engagement committee has proactively decided to meet on either Wednesdays or Thursdays, alternating weeks with the Police Practices Workgroup.
 - Police Practices Workgroup provided an update on immigration-related concerns and SPD's response to recent federal executive orders and clarified that SPD does not engage in immigration enforcement or apprehend individuals based on immigration status — their role is strictly as responders.
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