



To: Gino Betts, OPA Acting Director
CC: Gráinne Perkins, OPA Assistant Director
From: Payton Schenck, Public Safety Audit & Investigations Specialist
Date: September 13, 2022
Re: 2022OPA-0173

CERTIFICATION:

I have reviewed the investigation for 2022OPA-0173, and I certify the investigation as thorough, timely, and objective. However, OIG notes OPA is required to request consent for recording of all interviews conducted, including those of witnesses not making a complaint. Going forward, OIG will require OPA to note a lack of consent to record the interview in an OPA case file. We recommend documenting a lack of consent immediately after an interview to ensure accuracy of investigation statements. Also, we request the Named Employee transcripts be uploaded once available from the transcription office, though we will certify the case based on the audio recording

Additionally, under Ordinance 125315, section 3.29.125(F), "OPA investigation plans shall include the prioritization of the investigation within OPA's ongoing body of work." While reviewing the Investigation Plan for this case, it was noted that this case was not prioritized as required by the Ordinance. OIG understands that OPA is in the process of reforming the Investigation Plan Template and that discussions regarding the Investigation Plan requirement continue. Based on this knowledge, and the quality of this investigation, OIG can certify this case while emphasizing the necessity of the requirement.

Sincerely,

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