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Complaints Against the Chief of Police Q2 2026

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Introduction

This report provides a quarterly update on the status of complaints filed with OPA against the Chief of Police (COP), as required by Ordinance. Specifically, this data includes complaints from the second quarter of 2026 and provides cumulative totals for the year.

Complaints Received

In Q2 of 2026, OPA and OIG received 12 COP complaints, for a total of 33 COP complaints in the first half of 2026.

Intakes Completed

During Q2 of 2026, OPA and OIG reviewed 18 cases after intake. These intakes were classified as follows:

- 18 cases were classified as a contact log
- No cases were certified as an expedited investigation
- No cases were classified for further investigation

Nineteen cases remain at the intake stage.

Investigations and Certifications

Case Type	Q2 Full Certification Rate	Q2 Total Cases Certified	2026 Full Certification Rate	2026 Total Cases Certified
Expedited Investigation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Investigation	N/A	0	0%	1
Total	N/A	0	0%	1

After conducting an intake, when a viable allegation of a Seattle Police Department (SPD) policy violation is made, OPA and OIG classify the case for either expedited investigation or investigation. When a case is classified as an expedited investigation, OPA and OIG agree findings can be reached based solely on information from the intake investigation, and no further investigation is necessary. If, after the intake, it is not believed an intake investigation is sufficient, the case is classified as an investigation. All OPA investigations, even if deemed expedited, are reviewed by OIG for certification to determine whether the cases are thorough, timely, and objective. Likewise, OIG reviews all OPA classification decisions to ensure appropriate classification.

In Q1 2026, one externally referred investigation, managed by OPA, was completed. OIG partially certified this investigation, ultimately determining the investigation was untimely. The complaint was reported in February 2023, but due to uncertainty about jurisdiction

and delays in processing COP complaints, it was not certified until February 2026. OPA did not request certification for any COP investigations in Q2 2026. This means the full certification rate for COP cases so far in 2026 is 0%.

Closed and Outstanding Cases

At the end of Q2 2026, OIG and OPA had 30 open COP cases. Of these, 19 are at intake, 10 are completed but not closed, and one is currently classified for investigation.¹ In Q2 2026, OIG and OPA closed 14 COP cases, making the mid-year total 26 closed cases.

	As of 6/30/2026
Cases at Intake	19
Cases Under Investigation	1
Cases Completed Awaiting Closure	10
Total Open Cases	30
Percentage of Open Cases Pertaining to Current Chief of Police	30%
Total Cases Closed	26

¹ Only 30% of open cases pertain to the current Chief. All open complaints against the current Chief are at the intake stage or were classified as a contact log and administratively closed in early Q3 2026.