

MAYOR'S POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW PANEL
City of Seattle

Monday, October 22, 2007, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Seattle City Hall, Lower Level, Room L280
600 4th Ave

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Terry Carroll, Chair
Bob Boruchowitz, Vice Chair
Lorena Gonzalez
Pramila Jayapal
Judith Krebs
Mike McKay
Norman Rice
Jennifer Shaw

Not Present:

Jenny Durkan
Gary Locke
Hubert Locke

Work Plan Discussion

There will be two working groups established – 1) Structure, and 2) Substantive Rules & Laws/Culture/Procedures. Before the next meeting, panel members are asked to decide which group(s) they would like to serve on. The panel also received a draft timeline for completion of the final recommendations report.

OPA Case Flow Process

Kathryn Olson, Lt. Michael Kebba, and Sgt. Randal Woolery provided a presentation defining the typical flow of two hypothetical OPA cases. This presentation is posted on the website.

Review Recommendation Ranking Exercise

A color-coded recommendation ranking list was distributed to panel members. The panel asked staff to reorganize the recommendations based upon the subject areas of the two working groups.

Next Steps

- The subcommittee to draft the report will include Lorena Gonzalez (chair), Mike McKay, and Hubert Locke.
- Possible guests at future meetings include a Seattle Police Officers Guild Representative and Sam Pailca (former OPA Director).
- The Panel requested a future guest to provide more information regarding discipline decisions, possibly Chief Kerlikowske or an SPD Human Resources.

Follow-up information requested by the panel:

1. What percentage of OPA complaints come from supervisors or other officers?
2. Provide SPD policy regarding the reporting of misconduct by other officers and how officers are educated regarding this policy.
3. A summary of outreach training for officers regarding OPA that has been conducted in the last two years.
4. Currently, the SPD OPA Investigator assignment is 3-5 years. How does this term compare with other departments?
5. Provide examples of letters that are sent to complainants sharing the status of their complaint. Also to be included is a timeline of when these types of letters are sent (as part of the complaint process).
6. Panel asked for some documentation regarding what type of discipline is recommended for what level of OPA charge.
7. Department policy requires officers to self report any use of Force. How many investigations are triggered by this self-reporting.
8. Panel requested information on academy and post-academy training regarding police misconduct issues.