

Community Police Commission (CPC)

September 21, 2022, 9:00am

Via Zoom Conference Call

I. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

II. Attendance

CPC Attendees: Rev. Patricia Hunter, Rev. Harriet Walden, Joel Merkel, Tascha Johnson, Alina Santillan, Prachi Dave, Suzette Dickerson, Austin Field, Joseph Seia, Le'Jayah Washington, Jeremy Wood, Erica Newman

CPC Absences: Asha Mohamed, Douglas Wagoner (On Leave), Scott Bachler (On Leave), Mark Mullens

CPC Staff: Brandy Grant, Mergitu Argo, Logan Rysemus

III. Review Agenda & Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the 9/21/22 meeting agenda

Moved: Unclear, recording had not started

Seconded: Unclear, recording had not started

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from 8/17/22

Moved: Unclear, recording had not started

Seconded: Unclear, recording had not started

Approved by voice vote

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

➤ **Action items Review-** N/A

IV. Office of Independent Investigations (OII)

➤ Introduction and Updates: Executive Director Grant welcomed and introduced staff of the OII.

➤ Director of OII: Roger Rogoff

➤ OII is working to hire staff and begin setup work of the office.

➤ OII is a completely independent office.

➤ Mission: "Conduct competent, thorough, and compassionate investigations done

- with an anti-racist lens and done with as little bias as possible.”
- Starting July 1st, 2022, OII can begin investigating cases of police use of deadly force across the state.
 - Have had some initial start up delays due to staffing.
 - Purview: investigate new use of force cases (criminal cases only) + review of old investigations and procedures taken.
 - OII has family liaisons that act as victim services to keep families connected to OII and informed about investigation process/steps/updates/results/etc.
 - OII recommends that the state legislature creates an Office of Independent Prosecution to handle the cases that OII makes criminal referrals for.
 - OII in conversation with Governor and Attorney General regarding.
 - Issue with legislation that created OII: if a police department is under a federal consent decree, the OII is not able to investigate said department.
 - Hoping to work with legislature to rectify this.
 - If legislature does not fix, OII will work with SPD to work around hinderance.
 - The ED will connect CPC staff with OII staff for further conversations around engagement, updates, and opportunities for work overlap.

V. Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed by the CPC. Individual speakers will be provided up to two minutes to comment on items on the meeting agenda

- Dr. Howard Gale
- Anne-Marie Lowe

VI. Community Police Commission Updates

- **Co-Chair Updates**
- Joel Merkel: Co-Chairs are focused on increasing Commissioner participation and attendance. Each Commissioner will receive a letter of recommitment to sign. Excited to get workgroups back up and running with upcoming legislative session.
- Rev. Harriet Walden: Was apart of the search committee for the new Chief of SPD. (Chief Adrian Diaz was appointed by Mayor Harrell on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022.

- **Executive Director Updates**
- Continuing to move into new office space, hiring of new staff / introductions of new staff – Mergitu Argo and Logan Rysemus.
- **New Business-** no new business
- **Workgroup Updates:** No updates.
- **Community Engagement:** No updates.

Meeting Adjourned