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Introduction

OIG is providing an overview of complaints against the Chief of Police, as required by updates to Ordinance 127226, passed in June 2025. This quarterly report provides data on the status of Chief of Police complaints at the end of the third quarter of 2025, as well as to date this year.

Complaints Received

In the third quarter of 2025, OPA and OIG received five Chief of Police complaints. As of September 30, 2025, OPA and OIG have received 16 Chief of Police complaints this year.¹

Intakes Completed

During the third quarter of 2025, OPA and OIG reviewed eleven cases at the intake stage. These intakes were classified as follows:

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

Seventeen cases remain at the intake stage.

Investigations and Certifications

Case Type	Q3 Full Certification Rate	Q3 Total Cases Certified	2025 Full Certification Rate	2025 Total Cases Certified
Expedited Investigation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Investigation	N/A	0	100%	2
Total	N/A	0	100%	2

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 stage, it is not believed an intake investigation is sufficient for fact-finding, the case is classified as an investigation. All OPA investigations, regardless of whether they are expedited, receive review by OIG for certification to determine whether the cases are thorough, timely, and objective. Likewise,

¹ While 16 Chief of Police complaints were received, 17 cases were opened in 2025 due to a case from a previous year containing allegations against both the Chief of Police and other officers. The Chief of Police allegation is being handled separately, under a new case number, which was generated in 2025.

OIG reviews all OPA classification decisions on COP cases for appropriate classification decisions.

OPA and OIG did not complete any expedited investigations or investigations involving the Chief in the third quarter of 2025, but so far this year OIG has certified two OPA COP investigations. In 2025, so far OIG has a full certification rate of 100% of COP cases.

Closed and Outstanding Cases

At the end of Q3, OIG and OPA had 29 COP Cases open. Of those cases, 17 are at intake, 10 are completed but not closed, and two are currently classified for full investigation. Only about 7.7% of open cases pertain to the current Chief. All open complaints against the current Chief are at the intake stage. This year OIG and OPA closed 24 COP cases by the end of the third quarter.

	As of 09/30/2025
Cases at Intake	17
Cases Under Investigation	2
Cases Completed Awaiting Closure	10
Total Open Cases	19
Percentage of Open Cases Pertaining to Current Chief of Police	6.9%
Total	24