



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency
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OPAT Commission Community Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom

Call to order at 2:14 p.m.

OPAT Commission Members Present: Chair Stephanie Everett; Judge Leslie Harris (ret.); E. Peter Alvarez.

Introduction

Chair Stephanie Everett opened the meeting by welcoming attendees.

The Mayor's Office of Language and Communication Access facilitated language services for this meeting. American Sign Language services were provided.

All attendees were informed that during the meeting: automatic closed captioning could be turned on through Zoom; ASL was provided; this meeting was public and was being recorded, and; any members of the public watching the recording of the meeting could request an interpretation of the recording through OPAT, at no personal cost.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Chair Everett introduced the draft minutes from the Commission's July 21, 2022 meeting and September 21, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the minutes from both meetings and received a second from Commissioner Alvarez. The minutes were accepted with no revisions and approved unanimously.

OPAT Commission Public Report

Chair Everett noted that this public report is mandated by OPAT's ordinance and will be posted publicly following the Commission meeting. Chair Everett provided highlights from



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the public report on POST Commission regulations, FY23 budget budget investments, and ongoing OPAT outreach activities.

Chair Everett introduced OPAT's Policy & Data Analyst, Mariah Sabir, to present the FY23 Q2 public report data. Analyst Sabir explained OPAT's mandate to make public BPD's arrest and Field Interaction/Observation/Encounter (FIOE) data available on a monthly basis. Analyst Sabir provided a detailed review of the data currently available to the public through OPAT's data dashboards, located on the OPAT website. OPAT's dashboards are updated monthly and Analyst Sabir noted that the OPAT complaint dashboard is current through November 2022. Analyst Sabir provided the additional context that OPAT provides anonymized complainant data, but does not include data on complaints dismissed prior to an investigation. This data can also be found in the December 2022 OPAT Commission Community Meeting Public Report on the OPAT website.

Analyst Sabir reported that OPAT held an Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) meeting on October 20, 2022. At this meeting, the IAOP heard two (2) cases, in which the panel reviewed the appeals of BPD's Internal Affairs Division (IAD) findings. In both cases, the IAOP voted to Agree with the original IAD findings.

Analyst Sabir reported that OPAT held a Civilian Review Board (CRB) meeting on November 15, 2022. At this meeting, seventeen (17) cases were brought before the board. Seven (7) were dismissed. Of the remaining six (6) cases, three (3) were ruled Insufficient Evidence, two (2) were ruled Not Sustained, and one (1) is Sustained.

Analyst Sabir reported that OPAT received eleven (11) complaints as of October 2022–November 2022. Complaint reports are down 3.1% from the last quarter (23.1% FY23 Q1 and 20% FY23 Q2). The types of misconduct alleged in these cases for this quarter are: unprofessionalism, excessive force, and civil rights violations. The investigatory status of the eleven (11) complaints are pending.

Discussion Of Proposed 2023 Board Meeting Calendar

Chair Everett introduced the proposed 2023 board meeting calendar to the Commission and noted that none of the OPAT boards would meet in February, May, and November 2023.



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All board members will attend a yearly training, which will be held in February 2023. This training is being developed by OPAT staff and may involve representatives from OPAT's counterpart agencies in other cities and states.

Commissioner Alvarez motioned to accept the proposed 2023 board calendar as presented and received a second from Commissioner Harris. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the 2023 meeting calendar as proposed.

Public Comment Period

Chair Everett opened up the community meeting to the audience for public comment. No comments were offered by the audience.

Members of the public reviewing the meeting recording or meeting minutes are welcome to submit written comments by email to opatboards@boston.gov. Any comments received through email will be read into the record at the next OPAT Commission Community Meeting.

Chair Everett thanked the OPAT Commissioners and audience for attending the meeting. Commissioner Harris motioned to adjourn and received a second from Commissioner Alvarez. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Approved on March 16, 2023

Benjamin Tillman, Administrative Assistant