



**OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY  
OPAT Commission Community Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Monday, October 4, 2021 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting held remotely via WebX due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

**OPAT Commission Members Present:** Executive Director Stephanie Everett, Judge Leslie Harris

**Others Present:** OPAT Deputy Director, John Steies; OPAT Chief of Staff, Reynolds Graves; OPAT Executive Assistant, Karen Alcantara; City of Boston Chief of Civic Engagement, Aisha Miller; Deputy Chief of Policy Dr. Lindsey Butler, MSc, PhD, Advisor to the Mayor Jacob Mayo.

**Call to order at 5:30 p.m**

Executive Director, Stephanie Everett, opened the virtual meeting by welcoming everyone and shared the following housekeeping details for attendees:

- This community meeting is public and is being recorded.
- During the Public Comment period you will be prompted to unmute yourself. Interpreters introduced themselves.

The Mayor's Office of Language and Communication Access introduced themselves and the language services being provided in Spanish (Gabriela Herrera), Haitian Creole (Esther Paul), Mandarin (Hui Gao) and Cantonese (Terry Yin).

Director Everett introduced Honorable Judge Leslie Harris, newly sworn in IAOP member.

Director Everett informed attendees the purpose of the OPAT Commission community meeting per the Ordinance.

Director Everett provided an update on the one BPD complaint received by OPAT as follows: a Black/ African-American Male in his 40's on possible abuse of power by the BPD. Additionally,

OPAT received two anonymous letters:

- One alleging misuse of police overtime
- General complaints about police

Director Everett shared updates on the OPAT administration including introducing new staff hires John Steies, Deputy Director; Reynolds Graves, Chief of Staff; Karen Alcantara, Executive Assistant. Announcing the OPAT website was now live at [boston.gov/opat](https://boston.gov/opat) and provided OPAT's email address, [opat@boston.gov](mailto:opat@boston.gov). Director Everett, also stated that complaint submission will be available via online, walk in and by mail. Additionally, a permanent home for OPAT would be announced in the months to come.

### **Reforms Update**

Director Everett updated the attendees on progress made on Taskforce recommendations including the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee, Body worn cameras (BWC) policy and Accountability and Transparency Dashboard Database. The BPD had also provided an updated memo regarding their work on the reforms and a link was provided in the chat and Director Everett also stated the document will be available on OPAT's website.

Director Everett has also been monitoring the POST Commission's reform and attended the POST Commission public hearing on Use of Force regulation on August 27, 2021 and continues to monitor their reforms and how it impacts both OPAT's work and the BPD reforms.

### **Public Comment**

Judge Harris opened the meeting up for the public comment period. Members of the public were allowed to provide comments and ask questions by virtually raising their hands and speaking and typing comments and questions into the chat feature. Director Everett answered several questions including identifying members on the Civilian Review Board, how investigations would be conducted by OPAT, and if Complaints would be publicly posted.

Director Everett thanked everyone for joining the meeting and asked that any additional questions or comments be emailed to OPAT at [opat@boston.gov](mailto:opat@boston.gov) and directed staff to list the phone number in the chat.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:22pm**