



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency

OPAT Commission Community Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
In-Person Meeting | 2300 Washington St, Roxbury, MA 02119

Call to order at 5:14 p.m.

OPAT Commission Members Present: Executive Director Evandro Carvalho, Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) Chair Anthony Fugate, and Civilian Review Board (CRB) Chair Samuel Harold.

Introduction

OPAT Executive Director opened the meeting by welcoming members of the public and introducing Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) Chair Anthony Fugate, and Civilian Review Board (CRB) Chair Samuel Harold.

Get to know OPAT Presentation

Executive Director Evandro Carvalho goes through a brief slide show to introduce the OPAT Team and the purpose of OPAT.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Executive Director Carvalho introduced the Commission's May 7, 2024 meeting minutes for consideration. The minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote of the OPAT Commission. No corrections were made.

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Carvalho read off the Directors report which can be summarized as follows:

- 5 Key Full-time Staff Hired;
- Currently hiring 3 new roles



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- Launched Bi-Weekly Executive Director Coffee Hours across the City
- Launched Monthly OPAT Open Door Days
- Digital Billboards across the City in English and Spanish
- Social Media Launch: OPAT Instagram - @BostonOPAT, Twitter - @BostonOPAT

■ **CRB, IAOP, and OPAT Cases & Findings: 2022-Present**

- 370 Complaints received (*Complaints may contain multiple allegations of misconduct*)
- 34 Appeals heard by IAOP: 29 Agreements, 2 Disagreements, 1 Referral for Further Inquiry
- 58 Cases heard by CRB (*Cases may contain multiple allegations of misconduct*)
- **CRB Case Findings:**
 - 14 Sustained Cases
 - 34 Sustained Allegations of Misconduct
 - 34 Not Sustained Cases
 - 9 Unfounded cases
 - 5 Exonerated cases
 - 29 Insufficient Evidence to Make a Finding

❖ **OPAT & CRB: Jan-Dec 2024**

- ❖ 144 complaints received: 21 more than previous high of 123 in 2022.
 - 29 Cases heard by CRB
 - 9 Sustained cases
 - 24 Sustained Allegations of Misconduct
 - 17 Not Sustained cases
 - 3 Exonerated
 - 3 Unfounded
 - 3 Insufficient Evidence to Make a Finding

❖ **CRB, IAOP, and OPAT Cases & Findings: January-March, 2025 (Q1)**

- 14 Complaints received (*Complaints may contain multiple*



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allegations of misconduct)

- ❖ 5 Disrespectful Treatment
- ❖ 5 Neglect of Duty
- ❖ 2 Operation of Vehicle
- ❖ 1 Abuse of Power
- ❖ 1 No Misconduct Alleged

Demographics of Complainants

- ❖ 8 Black/African American, 3 White, 3 Decline to Answer
- ❖ 7 Male, 6 Female, 1 Decline to Answer
- ❖ 8 Straight/Heterosexual, 2 Gay/Lesbian/Same Gender Loving, 4 Decline to Answer
- ❖ 7 age 35-46, 2 age 24-28, 2 age 53-62, 3 Decline to Answer
 - 5 Cases heard by CRB (*Cases may contain multiple allegations of misconduct*)
- ❖ 2 Sustained Cases
 - 3 Sustained Allegations of Misconduct
- ❖ 4 Not Sustained Cases
- ❖ 1 Unfounded case
 - 2 Appeals heard by IAOP

Other Business

Executive Director Carvalho thanked his team for all the work they have been doing.

Public Comment

The Commission opened the public comment period. Several members of the public were present in the meeting. Public comment was given by residents of Boston who expressed a range of opinions, including appreciation for the office's work, concern about the office's ability to hold the police accountable, and questions about the office's involvement in city events. Comments expressed hope that the work the office does will become more noticeable. Offers made to help promote the office.



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Executive Director Carvalho motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fugate. The meeting was unanimously adjourned by all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.