

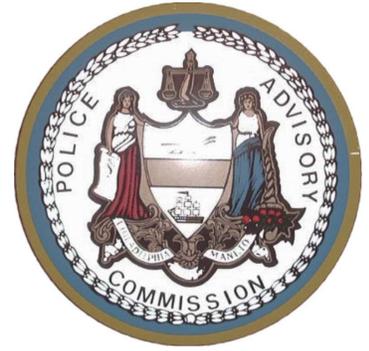
**POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Monday, May 20, 2013

PAC Office

990 Spring Garden Street, 7th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19123



Present: Volz, Chaudhary (No Quorum)

Staff: Anderson, Michaels

Counsel: Not Present

Absent (Excused): Crumlish, Goldfein, Haynes

Absent (Unexcused):

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

REGULAR SESSION

1. **Review of Minutes of April 15, 2013 – (approved by email)**
2. **Secretary’s Report** – No response from Police Commissioner on Nizah Morris opinion, which was due on May 11. The Police Department’s Legal Advocate is away for the month. Requested that Executive Director send a reminder and post on the webpage that we are awaiting a response.
3. **Public Comment** – Tim Cwiek, Kathy Padilla, Rich Wilson and two other LGBT advocates discussed their concerns regarding the availability of PAC and police department records in connection with the Nizah Morris case, along with the relevance of a 2008 order by a Common Pleas Court Judge. Secretary Volz and Executive Director Anderson referred them to the Law Department.
4. **Report of Executive Director** –
 - **PAC/IA Citizen Complaints** – The Commission has received **25 cases so far in 2013**, and has **38 additional open investigations** from 2012 and 2011. **Internal Affairs received 90 complaints** against police in April 2013, and **has received a total of 321 citizen complaints** thus far in 2013.
 - **Investigative Review Committee Report** – is attached, and includes a review of all cases received at the Commission from April 1 to May 17, 2013.
 - **Arbitration Cases** – We received copies of an additional 35 cases from 2011-2012 from the Law Department’s Labor Relations Office. This brings our total to 110 cases being reviewed for a report on the influence of arbitration on the disciplinary system.
 - **Nizah Morris Opinion** – We received acknowledgement/response from MPOETC office. Drafting a letter to Police Commissioner re the overdue response to the Nizah Morris opinion.

- **RFP for Legal Counsel/Staffing changes** – Re-submitting the draft of our Request for Proposal for legal services to the MDO’s office. We are continuing to work with the MDO re hiring a bilingual investigator and additional staff changes.
 - **PAC Complaint Data** – Our 2009-2012 complaint information released in January through [OpenData Philly](#) was used to create a simple mapping application by a local web developer, who won first prize for the project in a Temple Journalism school contest held earlier this month.
 - **Meeting with Deaf/HH Advocates** – A Video Log of the PAC’s complaint procedures is being produced by Deaf Hearing Communication Centre, for use by members of the Deaf and hard of hearing community. We are working on the details of a public meeting sponsored by PAC and these organizations at Liberty Resources, scheduled for Sept 30, 2013.
 - **Improvements to Field Investigation procedures** – Joe Chaffin & I have been experimenting with audio/video and investigator notes sent filed from directly the scene via iPad or iPhone.
 - **Notary Training** – Will Michael has taken training course and will be certified as a Notary Public. He will replace Jeannette in that role when she retires in 2014.
 - **Records Request re police shootings** – The Commission will receive the records of police shootings and discharge reports requested in our February letter to Police Commissioner Ramsey and the Mayor’s Office.
 - **Meetings, Media & Public Appearances** – Attended monthly Civil Rights Task Force meeting, also joined new group formed by US Attorney’s office. Participated in 10-mile Bike Ride for Peace with police and local town watch groups from the 12th/18th/19th Districts on Saturday 5/4. Interviewed re \$75,000 settlement paid to Aida Guzman in the Josey case by WHYY, and also Inquirer re story on increase in police shootings. Scheduled for radio appearance WURD-AM later this week. Participating in Puerto Rican Day Parade sub-committee for business & logistics.
5. **Other incidents and questions from the public** – Commission staff responded to a daily average of 5-7 phone calls during April 2013, and 12 inquiries made through the Commission’s web contact form. These queries included specific questions about police procedures, the formal complaint process, and other more general questions and comments.
6. **Report of Counsel** – Waived
7. **Report of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:**
- A. **Operating Procedures Committee** (waived)
 - B. **Public Relations Committee (Haynes)** – (waived)
 - C. **Personnel Committee** - (as needed)
 - D. **Mediation Committee** – (as needed)
 - E. **Annual Report Committee** – (waived)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Monday May 20, 2013 at a location to be determined.