

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA CITIZENS POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Jahlee Hatchett (Chair), Afroza Hossain (Vice Chair), Benjamin Lerner, Maryelis Santiago, Rosaura Thomas, Haakim Peay, (Hassan Bennett, John Solomon -late arrivals)

Unexcused Absence: Melanie Debose

Staff: Anthony Erace, Daniel Guy, Taleah Grimmage, Julian Jordan, Damon Green, Janine Zajac

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM

Lerner moved to approve the minutes from the December Public Meeting and to approve January agenda. Hossain seconded the motion.

No Public Comments submitted in advance.

Commission Business

Lerner stated that the Commissioners should meet with one another regularly to discuss the administration and supervision of commission business, policy changes and hiring.

Thomas agreed that the Commissioners should come together as a group and communicate more.

Director's Report (6:17PM)

Erace addressed the issue of Commissioner compensation, stating that CPOC is working with MDO HR to come up with alternative methods to recording Commissioner time and attendance to expedite payment.

CPOC received 124 complaints in 2022. The Auditing Unit is analyzing and reviewing data from the last 6 months of Police Complaints from PPD. CPOC is hiring and expanding the staff. The Outreach and Engagement team attended over 50 events in 2022.

Thomas asked if Commissioners would meet new staff and the new Director of Investigations once they are hired. Erace stated that they would meet all new staff.

Santiago asked if Outreach events could be placed on a Calendar so Commissioners could be aware of upcoming events and attend to support the work of the Commission.

Lerner acknowledged CPOC staff for their work and raised concerns about how the Commissioners will play a role in what staff is working on. Lerner suggested that the commissioners as a group (or a selected delegate) should be a part of negotiations with City Administration regarding how the Commission functions and operates. Commissioners should also ask for support from City Council.

Santiago requested Commissioners receive literature in a few languages that they can keep with them to distribute at various events. Guy explained that the office has our brochure already translated into 9 languages and we will make them available to the Commissioners.

Public Comment

No public comments were made during the meeting.

Lerner motioned for the meeting to conclude, and Hatchett seconded the motion.

Meeting concluded at 6:47PM.

The next CPOC Commissioners' Public Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 @ 6:00 pm on [Zoom](#).