



## CPOC Commissioners' public meeting minutes 11/28/23

*Note: Meeting was run by CPOC General Counsel Catherine Twigg in the absence of the Commission Chair, Jahlee Hatchett*

- A. Commissioner Roll Call:
- Present: Commissioners Hassan Bennett, Melanie Dubose, Haakim Peay and Rosaura Thomas
  - Absent: Commissioners Jahlee Hatchett (Chair) and John Solomon
- B. Updates:
- Commissioners held executive sessions on 11/6 and 11/20: Commissioners met in regards to the ongoing Executive Director search, which is a personnel/employment matter.
  - General Counsel Twigg read an excerpt from an OIG investigation into an incident from a CPOC public meeting in April 2023.
- C. Executive Director Report: provided by Jamison Rogers, Director of Investigations (PowerPoint available on [CPOC website](#).)
- D. Motion to approve minutes from October public meeting by Commissioner Bennett
- Seconded by Commissioner Peay, no one opposed. The October minutes are approved.
- E. Community Comment:
- Gayle Lacks – co-chair of Live Free:
    - Has CPOC made a budget ask yet for next year and if so, what amount was requested? What date must it be submitted to the City and have the Commissioners been able to review?
      - Twigg – budget ask has not been made yet but CPOC will go through the process in consultation and working with the Commissioners. No specific date for submission available.
      - Dany Guy, CPOC Office Manager – typically budget proposal goes out in March, but it's not a set date. We will try to get budget to Commissioners in January and February for review. Budget hearings with City Council typically happen around mid-April.
      - Commissioner Bennett – was the budget requested early this year by the City?
        - Guy – our budget proposal goes through City Council, but the Mayors office and Managing Director's Office also have an allocation process.
    - Note that the language in some social media posts and press releases don't match the mission statement on CPOC's website.

- Twigg – we have a mission statement set by law and a plain language mission statement on our website. We would be interested in hearing where there might be discrepancies
  - James G:
    - Asked how many complaints were referred for month of November
      - Guy - Data for November had not been pulled yet to be able to answer
    - Asked what support office gets from OIT in regards to phone calls and website tracking complaints
      - Twigg – we utilize the City’s OIT department in general, and for issues on complaint portal we can follow up with the software vendor
    - Asked how many people applied for Chief Investigator position
      - Twigg - We cannot confirm
    - Asked about Right to Know training for office staff and giving out information over the phone.
      - Twigg – Right to Know is a document request law which staff is trained on. It does not apply to information given over the phone.
    - Asked what the average turnaround time is for a complaint coming in and being referred to Internal Affairs
      - Guy – office standard is to refer to IAD within 5 days
    - Commissioner Thomas had follow up question regarding investigations
      - Twigg – CPOC is not yet able to do independent investigations.
  - Question from the chat:
    - Was shooting near City Hall referred to CPOC?
      - Director Rogers - Shooting involved SEPTA PD, not PPD, so is out of our jurisdiction.
  - Sylvia Metzler
    - What can CPOC do about arbitrations overturning police discipline?
      - Rogers – defer to Director of Policy and Interim Executive Director to answer, will follow up via email.
- F. Motion to adjourn – motion passes; meeting adjourned.

**Approved by Commissioners on December 21, 2023.**