



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency

OPAT Commission Community Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In-Person Meeting | 2201 Washington St, Suite 102, Roxbury, MA 02119

Call to order at 11:01 a.m.

OPAT Commission Members Present: Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) Chair Leslie Harris; Civilian Review Board (CRB) Chair Peter Alvarez.

Introduction

OPAT Commissioner Peter Alvarez opened the meeting by welcoming members of the public and introduced OPAT Commissioner Honorable Judge Leslie Harris (retired).

Commissioner Alvarez explained that he would function as the Commission Chair *Pro Tempore* due to the absence of an OPAT Executive Director.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Alvarez introduced the Commission's December 21, 2023 meeting minutes for consideration. The minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote of the OPAT Commission. No corrections were made.

Submission of the FY24 Q2 Public Report

Commissioner Alvarez stated that the public report for FY24 Quarter 2, covering the period from October 2023 to December 2023 was available to the public and would be posted on OPAT's website.

Other Business

The Commission discussed the potential conflict of interest that exists with regards to the City's Law Department representing the interests of the City, the Boston Police Department (BPD), and OPAT. Commissioner Harris stated that OPAT should have its own outside legal counsel so that the City's attorneys would not have to balance between



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different city agencies. Commissioner Alvarez requested that OPAT add a budgetary line item for FY25 to procure a third party law agency to advise OPAT, the Civilian Review Board, and the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel.

The Commission also discussed scheduling a public hearing to receive public comment on the regulations that were proposed at the December 21, 2024 OPAT Commission public meeting.

Public Comment

The Commission opened the public comment period. No members of the public were present in the meeting. Commissioner Alvarez stated that they would go into recess for 15-20 minutes to allow time for members of the public to join the meeting.

Commissioner Alvarez motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris. The meeting was unanimously adjourned by all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.