

# Police Conduct Oversight Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2021 - 6:15 pm  
Online Meeting

A regular meeting of the Police Conduct Oversight Commission was convened this date and time.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Committee Members and staff participated remotely due to the local public health emergency (novel coronavirus pandemic) declared on March 16, 2020.

## 1. Roll Call

Members present: Malaysia Abdi, Abigail Cerra, Jordan Crockett, Cynthia Jackson, Lynnaia Jacobsen, Kerry McGuire, Robert Pineau, Jordan Sparks, and John Sylvester (Quorum: 4)

## 2. Adoption of the agenda.

On behalf of the Commission, Chair Jackson recognized City Clerk Casey Carl to address why the coaching presentation requested at the March meeting was not on the agenda. Mr. Carl recommended that the presentation be postponed to the May meeting, given Judge Cahill's request that the City not publicly discuss police-related matters that might impact the Derek Chauvin trial. Chair Jackson directed the City Clerk's office to facilitate the coaching presentation for the May meeting.

Pineau moved to amend the agenda to add a draft letter to MPD Chief Arradondo regarding police response to public protest to the agenda as New Business. On a roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Abdi, Cerra, Crockett, Jacobsen, McGuire, Pineau, Sparks, Sylvester, Jackson (9)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

## 3. Acceptance of minutes

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Pineau moved to accept the minutes. On a roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Abdi, Cerra, Crockett, Jacobsen, McGuire, Pineau, Sparks, Sylvester, Jackson (9)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

## 4. General public comments

The following person spoke during the general public comment period:

1. Chuck Turchick: Mr. Turchick noted that since the Police Conduct Oversight Commission was first formed, it has been the practice for OPCR staff to provide ten case synopses and three case summaries for each meeting. For this meeting the case synopses differ from the ones provided at the last meeting and the case summaries include less information than usual. Mr. Turchick also

suggested that while the PCOC usually focuses on policy, they might also be the best entity to explore issues of MPD culture.

Chair Jackson directed the clerk to receive and file the comments.

5. Audit subcommittee report (Subcommittee Chair Pineau)

Pineau reported that the Audit Subcommittee received updates from OPCR staff on previously undertaken research studies. Because of quorum issues over the past year, the hate crime research study is only at the stage of structuring methodology. The 311 study is primarily being undertaken by the City's Audit Department. The subcommittee expects to receive more information on both studies at the next meeting. The subcommittee has also begun the initial groundwork on the coaching matter that was referred to them and will look at it in more depth at their next meeting.

Chair Jackson directed the clerk to receive and file the report.

6. Knock First Minnesota presentation

Sarah Murtada and Jon Troe, representatives from Knock First Minnesota, presented about an initiative to end the use of no-knock warrants in Minnesota. They requested that the Police Conduct Oversight Commission assist with their goal of creating a protocol that would require a monthly audit of no-knock warrant occurrences in Minneapolis in order to assist with data collection.

Discussion ensued. Several commissioners suggested specific data points that could be included in monthly audits, including demographics, arrests, and injuries incurred.

Chair Jackson moved to refer to the Audit Subcommittee the subject matter of no-knock warrants as a program of research and study to be conducted in coordination with the Mayor's Office and Police Department and with the consultation of Knock First Minnesota, to include the development of recommendations for relevant policy and procedures including data collection, reporting, and audit issues. On a roll call, the motion passed.

Aye: Abdi, Cerra, Crockett, Jacobsen, McGuire, Pineau, Sparks, Sylvester, Jackson (9)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

7. Case summaries

On behalf of the Commission, Chair Jackson recognized Mr. Carl and asked him to address the status of case synopses and summaries. Mr. Carl referenced previous issues with receiving case synopses in a time frame that allowed for due consideration by the commissioners and suggested a process change whereby commissioners would receive the case synopses two months in advance. This process change would allow for a reasonable amount of time for commissioners to select which synopses they wanted to have summarized and to have those summaries prepared.

Chair Jackson directed the Clerk's Office to facilitate that process change.

8. Draft letter to MPD Chief Arradondo re: Police Response to Public Protest

Pineau presented a draft version of a letter created by members of the Audit Subcommittee regarding best practice policing methods in response to public protests and explained that the letter was intended to make Chief Arradondo aware of documented best practices. After discussion among the commissioners, Chair Jackson moved to continue the matter to the May 11 meeting, forward the draft letter to Chief Arradondo, and invite him to respond to the letter at that meeting.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.