



Seattle City Council Police Accountability Panel (SCCPAP)  
Minutes of Monday, February 25, 2008 Meeting  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Executive Working Session

Present: Panelists Leo Hamaji, Steve Herbert; Lynne Wilson; Veronica Alicea-Galvan; Eric Schnapper' Michael Pendleton, facilitator; Nancy Roberts, staff

Absent: Kellye Testy

Guests: Peter Holmes, Chair, Office of Professional Accountability Review Board (OPARB); Peter Harris, Council Central Staff

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This meeting was considered an executive work session and was not taped or filmed.

The meeting was convened at 6:05 pm.

The group worked on the facilitator's draft letter and agreed on final wording. This letter will be ready for signature by all members present at the Monday, 3/3 meeting.

Peter Holmes has been with OPARB since its inception and shares his insight into the history of OPARB. The board ultimately has nothing but the power of the pen, and the members spent a great deal of time addressing their concern about lack of personal indemnification. The Board was born of a resolution between the Guild and Labor Relations as a settlement of a dispute and litigation.

Peter Harris shared some of his memory of the history of OPARB's creation and some of the hurdles it's faced since inception.

Once the speakers were gone, the facilitator turned to next steps. He offered the option of speaking to the SPOG and SPMA president, and again to the OPA Director. The suggestion was made that it may be good for the facilitator to speak with the OPA Director about specific questions, which may preclude the need for her to attend another meeting.

It was decided that an effort would be made to have the SPOG and SPMA presidents speak at the next meeting, which is scheduled for March 3, 2008 from 6 – 8 in the Boards & Commissions room. If they are unable to make that meeting, we will try for the 10<sup>th</sup>, and use the time on 3/3 to discuss issues in executive session again.

The facilitator agreed to obtain the PERC decision document from Jean Boler in the Law Department and circulate it to panel members prior to the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, March 3, 2008, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Boards & Commissions Room