



Seattle City Council Police Accountability Panel (SCCPAP)
Minutes of Thursday, April 3, 2008 Meeting
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Executive Working Session

Present: Panelists Steve Herbert, Veronica Alicea-Galvan (by phone), Eric Schnapper, Leo Hamaji, Lynne Wilson

Michael Pendleton, facilitator; Nancy Roberts, staff

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

The meeting was convened at 6:00 pm.

Documentation was available – Kathryn Olson’s response memo, and Eric’s overview draft of April 2. There was discussion about the certification process, which, per Kathryn’s memo, was different from what the group had heretofore understood. There was concern that neither the Mayor’s Panel or councilmember understood the certification process, since this panel is still confused. The Facilitator was asked to ask Sam Pailca to see if the procedure has changed since her tenure ended. It was the consensus of this panel that they wanted the OPA Director to make a formal recommendation before the case goes to the Chief.

Some of the draft recommendations that were discussed:

Draft #4 – Version 1 accepted.

#6 – Do not include

#7 – Firewall. Keep sentence #1, Facilitator to clarify if OPA makes discipline recommendations or not. Add recommendation that Auditor monitor patterns of discipline.

All members agreed that they should recommend increasing OPARB’s members to five.

#8 - Hold – ask Kathryn and Sam if these procedures are already in place.

9 – See Steve’s recommendation #7 as well. Make sure to allow OPARB to see specific cases; looking at problems unrelated to specific complaints. What information can the board get? What types of information can they pursue?

Steve and Eric to develop language stating that OPARB should be able to review all closed cases, random or specific, and should be able to look at procedures that pertain to police conduct.

Renaming OPARB – Think about it some more, although citizens seem to identify and like “review board”.

Qualifications of OPARB members – give it more thought.

#15 – Table for now; perhaps OPARB has the power to ask police to keep certain statistics.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, City Council Chambers.** Note change in day and time and meeting place.