



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency

Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) Public Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, May 30, 2024 | Scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

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

Call to order at approximately 11:05 a.m

Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP) Panelists Present: Chair Honorable Leslie Harris; Allison Cartwright; Christina Miller.

Introduction

Chair Honorable Leslie Harris opened the meeting by welcoming members of the public and the IAOP members present. The chair informed the audience that a quorum of the IAOP was present.

Review & Approval of 3/22/2024 Meeting Minutes

Panelist Christina Miller motioned to approve the minutes and received a second from Panelist Allison Cartwright. The minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote of the IAOP. No corrections were made.

OPAT Executive Director's Report

Chair Harris read the Executive Director's report into the record.

1) Staff Update

The Executive Director role at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) has been filled. Evandro C. Carvalho joined the office starting Monday, May 6, 2024 as our new Executive Director. Evandro graduated from Madison Park High school, received his Bachelor's degree in Sociology, Legal Studies, and Afro-American Studies from University of Massachusetts Amherst, and received his Doctor of Law (J.D.) from Howard University School of Law. He has previously served as the General Counsel at the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office, Assistant General Counsel at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Executive Director at the Boston Human Rights Commission, and State



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Representative for the 5th Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Eric James joined the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) as the Executive Assistant starting Monday, May 6, 2024. Eric was born in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, and migrated to Boston at the age of one. He graduated from Brighton High School and then went on to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. James previously served as a middle school teaching fellow for Neighborhood House Charter School and most recently has served as the Mattapan Liaison at the City of Boston's Office of Neighborhood Services.

2) Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

The OPAT Youth Advisory Council (YAC) continues to hold meetings and has formally adopted a charter to guide its body. The nomination period for elected positions is open, and elections will be held at the next meeting.

To ensure that all interested youth have a voice, OPAT is still accepting applications from interested Boston residents between the ages of 14 and 19. Youth can find more information and the application form on OPAT's website: boston.gov/opat.

3) CJIS Certification

Some OPAT staff recently updated their Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification to follow office protocols. We are also working on recertifying IAOP board members and the rest of the staff, as the recertification requirement for CJIS compliance has since changed from two years to one. These certifications are required to handle confidential Internal Affairs Appeal information and outline the procedures for securing these cases.

4) Professional Development for Investigators

OPAT Investigators recently completed two two-day courses through Boston University, "Blockchain Forensics and Dark Web Investigation" and "Internet of Things (IoT) Forensics," as part of their quarterly professional development. These courses were designed to better equip the Investigators to conduct investigations using various cyber forensic methods for any applicable cases.



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5) Supervised Meditation Program (MMS)

As OPAT works to launch our BPD mediation program, our in-house Mediator, Joseph Scott, participates in a weekly Supervised Mediation Program through Metropolitan Mediation Services (MMS). MMS is a Brookline-based organization that provides training for those who wish to learn and practice effective conflict-resolution techniques. They have trained local police, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Executive Board, and Massachusetts trial courts.

Other Business

No additional business was presented.

Executive Session

Chair Harris asked the audience if any officers were present who wished for their case(s) to be heard in an open session. None were present.

Panelist Allison Cartwright motioned to go into Executive Session and adjourn the public meeting, pursuant to Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c.30A, § 21, to discuss complaint appeals brought against and/or by Boston Police Officers in the matter of Cases #319, 280, 303; and in anticipation of discussion and approval of the minutes of prior executive sessions. The motion was seconded by Panelist Christina Miller and was unanimously agreed upon by the IAOP by a roll call vote.

The Executive Session began and the public meeting adjourned at approximately 11:12 a.m.