



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency
Stephanie Everett, Executive Director

OPAT Commission Public Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, April 19, 2021 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 Pandemic

OPAT Commission Members Present: Executive Director Stephanie Everett, Chair; IAOP Chair Judge Leslie Harris (ret.); CRB Chair Peter Alvarez.

Call to order at 11:00 a.m

Executive Director, Stephanie Everett, opened the virtual meeting by welcoming attendees.

The Mayor's Office of Language and Communication Access facilitated language services for this meeting. The verbal language interpretation services were provided in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Cabo Verdean Creole. American Sign Language services were also provided.

All attendees were informed by Board Administrative Assistant, Benjamin Tillman that during the meeting: automatic closed captioning could be turned on through Zoom; there were 5 spoken language channels that members of the public could use; all members of the public would have their cameras turned off.

Director Everett explained to attendees that the OPAT Commission would hold both public and community meetings - community meetings are defined in the OPAT Ordinance and are intended to educate members of the public. The meeting on April 19, 2022 was a public meeting.

Approval of February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Director Everett explained how previous meeting minutes are posted to the OPAT website as drafts for the purpose of public record reporting. These minutes are approved, with any



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appropriate edits, at the next scheduled meeting. The approved minutes are then updated on the website.

All three (3) OPAT Commissioners voted to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Approval of Temporary Board Schedules

Director Everett introduced the 2022 temporary calendar. The temporary calendar was presented in order for OPAT Staff to schedule 2022 board meetings.

There was a brief discussion about the timing of these meetings. Director Everett answered that most board meetings will start in the morning - exceptions include OPAT Commission community meetings. No dates were identified for the OPAT Commission in this temporary schedule because some of their meetings must be held in locations around the Boston community - OPAT Staff need to coordinate with other groups and confirm locations before dates can be presented.

Judge Harris pointed out that the November CRB meeting was scheduled for November 8, Election Day. The Commission approved an edit to move this meeting to November 15, 2022.

The OPAT Commission voted and unanimously approved the temporary calendar.

Discussion of Scheduling Next OPAT Commission Community Meeting

The OPAT Commission discussed and approved the date and time of the next Commission meeting. This meeting will be held on June 14th, 2022, at 11:00am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:17am