

Discipline Matrix Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes (3/5/2025)

Meeting Minutes

Time: 6:09 PM - 7:34 PM

Attendees:

- Chair: Ricardo Garcia-Acosta
- Acting Captain: Bryan Hubbard
- Deacon: Reginald Lyles
- Chair Emeritus: Marsha Carpenter Peterson
- Community Member: Cathy Leonard
- Chief of Staff: Mykah Montgomery

Main Topics Discussed

- 1. Clarification of Off-Duty Behavior During Medical Leave
- 2. Accountability Regarding Light Duty Assignments
- 3. Evaluation of Policy Language on Personal Preferment
- 4. Retaliation and Accountability of Supervisors
- 5. Refusal to Accept or Refer a Complaint (Class 1 Violations)
- 6. Class 2 Violations Planning and Next Phase
- 7. Policy Review and Submission Workflow
- 8. Next Steps for Chief and Stakeholder Review
- 9. Importance of Discipline Matrix Alignment
- 10. Anticipated Stakeholder Engagement

- 11. Ensuring Ad Hoc Committee Involvement Post Submission
- 12. Preparation of Summary Memo
- 13. Upcoming Mayoral Town Hall Considerations

Questions and Concerns Raised:

- Should off-duty activities during medical leave be scrutinized?
- How should light-duty eligibility be determined, and are there consistent practices across the department?
- Is the language regarding "personal preferment" still relevant or outdated?
- Should hiring influence from political or external parties be more clearly addressed in the policy?
- What constitutes sufficient corrective action regarding supervisor accountability in retaliation cases?
- Should the responsibility to report retaliation be explicitly assigned to Internal Affairs?
- Is there ambiguity between supervisor-imposed corrective actions and formal Internal Affairs procedures?
- Should reporting timelines (e.g., 24 hours) for retaliation be explicitly stated?
- How does internal vs. external influence factor into promotional or hiring decisions?
- What process ensures the Ad Hoc Committee remains involved post-handoff?

Suggestions and Recommendations:

- Case-by-case discretion should remain key for assessing incidents like off-duty activity during medical leave.
- Include explicit language about supervisor responsibility to report retaliation to Internal Affairs.
- Clarify ambiguity in policy by removing repetitive and outdated language.
- Summarize key policy changes in a memo to the Chief and relevant stakeholders.
- Proceed with a bifurcated approach: submit Class 1 work for review while continuing on Class 2.

- Keep the Ad Hoc Committee involved in any post-review negotiations or edits.
- Emphasize that discipline matrix discussions are critical to final implementation and need broader stakeholder input.
- Align terminology and reporting protocols with established guidelines (e.g., "reporting to competent authority").

Next Steps:

- 1. Bryan Hubbard to draft summary memo explaining purpose, scope, and highlights of Class 1 work.
- 2. Ad Hoc Committee members to review the memo prior to next meeting and provide feedback.
- 3. Begin work on Class 2 violations concurrently while Class 1 is under stakeholder review.
- 4. Submit Class 1 work and memo to Chief, City Attorney, plaintiff attorneys, monitoring team, and labor unions (including POA).
- 5. Ensure Commission remains involved in post-review discussion and any required negotiations.
- 6. Confirm plan for discipline matrix integration in subsequent review phases.
- 7. Prepare for input from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and other oversight bodies on implementation.

Adjournment