



Seattle City Council

Bruce A. Harrell, Councilmember

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 13, 2013
To: Pierce Murphy
From: Councilmember Bruce Harrell
Subject: Confirmation Questions for Lewis Pierce Murphy
(Office of Professional Accountability, Interim Director) from the City Council

1. Describe your vision for the Office of Professional Accountability (OPA). Based on this vision, what would be your priorities over the next three years?
2. What do you see as the primary challenges facing the Office of Professional Accountability?
3. In relation to the Mayor, Council, and public, how do you see your role with respect to accessibility and collaboration?
4. What would you say will be the biggest challenge you will face as the OPA Director?
5. As the City of Boise's Community Ombudsman, what are some of your notable accomplishments? What are some things you had hoped to accomplish but did not?
6. How has your policy and training recommendations improved the professional standards of the Boise Police Department?
7. OPA's policies clearly prohibit retaliation against complainants. How will you enforce these policies?
8. The fundamental objectives of the OPA are transparency, objectivity, fairness and community trust. While policing is a challenging and complex profession, when it is performed at its best it means that all communities feel the law works fairly, equally, and with respect for all. How will you help build trust with communities of color? Or underrepresented communities?
9. How does the political climate in Boise differ from what you know about Seattle? How will you account for this difference in the performance of your duties?

Please send your responses to the following questions to Councilmember Harrell's Office through Jennifer Samuels at jennifer.samuels@seattle.gov by Friday, May 24.