

ONPA updated its Manual of Operating Procedures for Investigation

The Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) is excited to announce that after 18 years, its Compliance Investigation Division (CID), has now officially attained an amended and updated Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP) on December 05, 2025. A short signing ceremony took place in the ONPA Conference room at 11:00am to ratify the updated MOP. Director Sophia H. Pretrick, a CFE, representing the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) and facilitator of the updates and amendments, was present with ONPA staff at the ceremony.

The MOP is a compilation of standards and guidelines pertaining to Fraud Investigation and Prevention ensuring CID operates within applicable standards, laws, regulations, and good practices. It was first produced in 2007 by Nigel Savidge, former Chief Investigator for the CID, with the support of his colleagues, Sophia Pretrick and Fletcher Poll. The CID unit had been using the 2007 MOP for the past years.

Director Sophia Pretrick worked collaboratively with Haser Hainrick, the National Public Auditor, and the CID Team in updating and revising the MOP. The new version is revised in accordance with the Association of Inspectors General (AIG), Principles and Standards of the Offices of Inspector General. This is used and proposed by the APIPA Investigation Manual. This alignment supports CID in carrying out their work more effectively and efficiently, while also strengthening the organizations' preparedness for upcoming peer reviews.

