



**CITY OF OAKLAND
POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 14, 2017

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room #1
Oakland, CA 94612

Selection Panel Members: Chairperson Sarah Chavez-Yoell (District 3), Second Chairperson John Jones III (At Large), Tal Klement (District 1), James Chanin (District 2), Shikira Porter (District 4), Mary Vail (District 5), Candice Jessie (District 6), Jean Blacksher (District 7), Arnold X. C. Perkins (Mayor)

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

The meeting started at 5:37 pm.

Selection Panel members present: Jean Blacksher, Jim Chanin, Tal Klement, Sarah Chavez-Yoell, Candice Jessie, John Jones III, Arnold Perkins, Shikira Porter, and Mary Vail.

Staff present: Stephanie Hom

City Attorney Staff: Allison Dibley, Harveen Gill

2. Open Forum

Public comments were provided by the following:

Richard Phelps

ACTION ITEMS

3. Selection Panel Interviews and Deliberations for Police Commissioners

The Selection Panel conducted interviews with the following applicants for the Oakland Police Commission:

Maureen Benson (#2)

The Selection Panel acted on Police Commissioner appointments.

Motion to appoint José Dorado as a Police Commissioner was moved (J. Jones) and seconded (M. Vail). Motion passed with 9 ayes.

Motion to appoint Ginale Harris as a Police Commissioner was moved (C. Jessie) and seconded (A. Perkins). Motion was withdrawn.

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Motion for each Selection Panel to use a process whereby each member provides up to eight applicants to be considered for appointment, that these applicant “votes” are tallied, and the list of 28 is narrowed down to eight applicants with the highest tallies for further deliberations was moved (J. Chanin) and seconded (C. Jessie). The motion passed with 9 ayes.

The applicants with the highest tallies included:

Maureen Benson (#2) with 8 tallies (J. Blacksher, J. Chanin, C. Jessie, T. Klement, S. Chavez-Yoell, J. Jones, A. Perkins, S. Porter).

Mubarak Ahmad (#53) with 7 tallies (J. Blacksher, J. Chanin, C. Jessie, T. Klement, J. Jones, A. Perkins, S. Porter).

Ginale Harris (#15) with 7 tallies (J. Blacksher, J. Chanin, C. Jessie, T. Klement, A. Perkins, S. Porter, M. Vail).

Tara Anderson (#23) with 6 tallies (J. Chanin, C. Jessie, T. Klement, A. Perkins, S. Porter, M. Vail).

Gay Cobb (#107) with 4 tallies (T. Klement, J. Jones, A. Perkins, S. Porter).

Melvin Cowan (#121) with 4 tallies (S. Chavez-Yoell, J. Jones, A. Perkins, M. Vail).

Mike Nisperos (#84) with 4 tallies (J. Chanin, T. Klement, J. Jones, M. Vail).

Oniyinye Alheri (#114) with 3 tallies (S. Chavez-Yoell, J. Jones, S. Porter)

Elan Lambert (#128) with 3 tallies (J. Chanin, S. Chavez-Yoell, M. Vail).

Motion to include Oniyinye Alheri and Elan Lambert in the continued deliberations making a total of 9 applicants to be considered for appointment was moved (T. Klement) and seconded (J. Jones). The motion passed with 5 ayes (J. Blacksher, T. Klement, S. Chavez-Yoell, J. Jones, S. Porter; and 4 no votes (J. Chanin, C. Jessie, A. Perkins, M. Vail).

Public comments were provided by the following:

A. Karriem Khan

Motion for each Selection Panel to use a process whereby each member provides up to four applicants to be considered for appointment from the narrowed list of nine, that these applicant “votes” are tallied, and the list of 9 is narrowed down to four applicants that, including José Dorado, will comprise the Police Commissioner slate and alternate was moved (J. Chanin) and seconded (C. Jessie). The motion passed with 9 ayes.

The applicants with the highest tallies included:

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Ginale Harris (#15) with 7 tallies (J. Blacksher, J. Chanin, C. Jessie, T. Klement, A. Perkins, S. Porter, M. Vail).

Mike Nisperos (#84) with 6 tallies (J. Chanin, C. Jessie, T. Klement, S. Chavez-Yoell, A. Perkins, M. Vail).

Maureen Benson (#2) with 6 tallies (J. Blacksher, J. Chanin, C. Jessie, S. Chavez-Yoell, J. Jones, S. Porter).

Motion to appoint Maureen Benson as the alternate Commissioner was moved (J. Chanin) and seconded (J. Blacksher). The motion requires a 2/3 vote and failed with 5 ayes (J. Blacksher, J. Chanin, C. Jessie, A. Perkins, M. Vail) and 4 No votes (T. Klement, S. Chavez-Yoell, J. Jones, S. Porter).

Motion to appoint Mubarak Ahmad, José Dorado, Ginale Harris, Mike Nisperos as the Selection Panel's slate of four Commissioners, and Maureen Benson as the Alternate Commissioner was moved (T. Klement) and seconded (C. Jessie). The motion requires a 2/3 vote and passed with 7 ayes (J. Blacksher, J. Chanin, C. Jessie, T. Klement, A. Perkins, M. Vail) and 2 No votes (J. Jones, S. Porter).

The Selection Panel is charged with determining the staggered terms for the initial Police Commissioners, including those appointed by the Mayor.

Motion to determine a 4-year initial term for Mayoral appointee Regina Jackson was moved (J. Jones) and seconded (T. Klement). Motion passed with 9 ayes.

Motion to determine a 2-year initial term for Mayoral appointee Edwin Prather was moved (M. Vail) and seconded (J. Jones). Motion passed with 9 ayes.

Public comments were provided by the following:

James Deboer

Motion to make the determinations of staggered initial terms for all Police Commission appointments after the City Council accepts or rejects the appointments; and to rescind the determinations of staggered initial terms previously made for the Mayoral appointees was moved (J. Jones) and seconded (M. Vail). Motion passed with 9 ayes.

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Open Forum

There were no comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned.

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