



**CITY OF OAKLAND
OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

6:30 PM

City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Council Chamber
Oakland, CA 94612

I. Call to Order (Stephanie Hom)

The meeting started at 6:36 p.m.

II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (Stephanie Hom)

Commissioners present: Mubarak Ahmad, José Dorado, Ginale Harris, Regina Jackson, Mike Nisperos, Edwin Prather, and Thomas Smith. Quorum was met.

Alternate Commissioners present: Maureen Benson and Andrea Dooley.

City staff present: Stephanie Hom, Deputy City Administrator Allison Dibley, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

III. Police Commissioner Introductions (Stephanie Hom)

Ms. Hom reported that five biographies were submitted and included in the Agenda Packet. Allison Dibley (City Attorney staff) is present, will give comments and is here to support the Commission. Chief Anne Kirkpatrick and some of her staff are present tonight.

Commissioners gave introductions/comments.

MOTION to ratify the Agenda that Item 11 be moved here (M. Nisperos) and seconded.

MOTION passed (unanimous).

Oakland Police Chief Kirkpatrick introduced herself and gave comments.

Ms. Hom announced that Interim Director Anthony Finnell with the Community Police Review Agency and some of the staff are present; he will give comments later (Item 12).

IV. Open Forum (Stephanie Hom)

Public comments were provided by the following:

John Jones, III regarding police accountability.

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Shaheed Karamus regarding the importance of the Commission's role.

Mildred Tucker Dawson regarding a fair process for the Oakland citizens.

Rashida Grinage and Gwen Hardy their involvement in formation of the Commission.

Paula Hawthorne regarding the Executive Force Review Board and a man who was allegedly tasered/killed by the police on September 28. She appealed to the Police Commission to find out what happened to this man.

Eileen Warren regarding publicizing the Police Commission meetings.

Bruce Schneider regarding the importance of the Oakland Police Commission.

Mariano Contreras regarding the Oakland Police Commission's potential to be a model for the nation.

Antonio Arocamp regarding the need for police accountability in Oakland and the plight of the Mexican community, immigrant communities and schools.

Orheal Lerma regarding diversity, equity and transforming/redefining our city.

Mary Vail regarding Oakland Police Department federal oversight, lack of culture change and accountability, and the problem of police unions being permitted to negotiate things outside their scope of representation.

Ruby Stein regarding working with the Police Commission to reclaim citizen authority over the police department.

Lorelei Bosserman offering community assistance in the establishment of the Oakland Police Commission.

Jean Moses regarding transparency and communication.

Elliott Hossman regarding the mandate to the Commission from the City of Oakland.

Dr. Floyd Yuen regarding improving relations between the youth and the police department.

Jack Daniels regarding advisory support for the Commission.

Danny Cotton regarding neighborhood safety.

Elise Bernstein regarding the Police Commission OPD reform and the role of Councilmembers Brooks, Gallo and Kaplan in supporting the community's efforts in forming the Oakland Police Commission.

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Edward Williams regarding his experiences with the police.

George Holland, Oakland NAACP President, regarding the importance of police accountability.

Former Mayor Quan regarding police reform.

Doctor Joe Marshall, San Francisco Police Commission, offered to assist the Oakland Police Commission.

Susan Shawl, Coalition of Police Accountability, offer to assist the Oakland Police Commission.

Gwen Hardy, PUEBLO - People United for a Better Life Oakland, formation of the Oakland Police Commission.

Doug Blacksher, Oakland NAACP Chairman of Labor and Industry and Economic Development (NAACP), asked the Police Commission to do their jobs with compassion.

V. Action – Election of Chair (Stephanie Hom)

MOTION to select a Chair and Vice-Chair to hold positions until February 2018, then reaffirm or select others was moved (R. Jackson) and seconded (J. Dorado).
MOTION passed (unanimous).

T. Smith and G. Harris were each nominated to the position of Chair.

Ms. Hom stated that there were no speakers signed up for public comment.

Public speakers then decided to sign up.

Commissioner Dorado asked that the public be allowed to speak.

Public comments were provided by the following:

Doctor Joe Marshall, San Francisco Police Commission, regarding the importance of knowledge of parliamentary procedure in the election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Pamela Drake regarding the importance the first Chair coming from the members selected by the Selection Committee.

Trish Gorman requesting speeches from the two candidates for Chairperson.

Orheal Lerman regarding support and training for the Commission.

Gwen Hardy regarding the Commission selection of a chairperson.

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Cheryl Walton responsibilities of the Chairperson.

Antonio Arocamp regarding police commissioner preparation and leadership.

Rashidah Grinage recommended Commissioner Dorado for the interim chairperson.

MOTION to vote for G. Harris moved (J. Dorado) and seconded (M. Ahmad). Discussion by Commissioners. Ginale Harris and Thomas Smith spoke on why they would like to be Chair. Motion amended to vote for either candidate moved (E. Prather), accepted (J. Dorado) and seconded (R. Jackson). MOTION passed.

Thomas Smith was elected Chair (5 ayes), until reaffirmed in February. Ginale Harris received 2 aye votes.

Ms. Hom asked Thomas Smith to continue with the remainder of the meeting.

VI. Action – Election of Vice-Chair (Thomas Smith, Police Commission Chair)

MOTION to have Ginale Harris as Vice-Chair moved (R. Jackson) and seconded (M. Nisperos).
MOTION passed (unanimous).

Public comments were provided by:

Ann Jenks regarding Oakland Police Commission independence.

John Jones, III regarding the election of the Chairperson.

George Holland, Oakland NAACP President, regarding Police Commission business.

VII. Action – Determination of Regular Meeting Schedule (Allison Dibley)

MOTION to hold Commission meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. moved (M. Nisperos) and seconded (R. Jackson).
MOTION passed (unanimous).

No public comments were provided.

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VIII. Discussion – Role of Alternates (Allison Dibley)

Discussion by Allison Dibley.

Public comments were provided by:

Unidentified speaker regarding Alternate Commissioners.
Elise Bernstein regarding the Alternate Commissioners.

**IX. Discussion – Rules & Procedures for Conducting Business
(Allison Dibley and Anthony Finnell)**

Discussion by Allison Dibley and Anthony Finnell.

X. Discussion – Training and Orientation for Commissioners (Allison Dibley)

Discussion by Allison Dibley.

XI. Comments – Oakland Police Department (Anne Kirkpatrick)

The item was moved and discussed during Agenda Item 3.

XII. Action – Report on Transition of Pending Business of the CPRB (Anthony Finnell)

Discussion by Anthony Finnell. MOTION to accept report moved (M. Nisperos) and seconded (M. Prather). The vote was 5-0-2, with two abstentions (G. Harris and R. Jackson). MOTION passed.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.