



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL  
(SPECIAL MEETING)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 2, 2023  
6:00 PM**

Oakland City Hall  
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room 2  
Oakland, CA

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**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

In attendance: Vice Chairperson Rickisha Herron (District 6), Brendalynn Goodall (Mayor), Gay Plair Cobb (At Large), Don Link (District 1), David Kakishiba (District 2)

Absent: Lorelei Bosserman (District 4)

**2. Public Comment**

All speakers will be allotted a maximum of two minutes unless the Chairperson allocates additional time.

No Public Comment

**ACTION ITEMS**

**3. 2023 Alternate Police Commissioner Applicant Candidate Statements**

*The Selection Panel could invite Police Commission Applicants to make up to a 5-10 minute candidate statement on why they would like to serve on the Police Commission as an Alternate. At the Chairperson's discretion, the Selection Panel may ask questions to clarify any statements made by the candidates. Determine, discuss and approve interview questions as needed. The Panel could also request additional information from reserve pool candidates: Omar Farmer and Ricardo Garcia-Acosta.*

Vice Chair Herron invited each candidate to make opening statements. Mr. Farmer provided his candidate statement first and Mr. Garcia-Acosta provided his opening statements second.

Mr. Farmer began by introducing himself and provided an update to the Panel on his work and community service since he last met with them in August 2023. The Panel asked Mr. Farmer a range of questions about his experience and availability to serve on the Police Commission. Mr. Farmer responded to each question in detail.

Mr. Ricardo Garcia-Acosta then began his comments and provided background on his work and community experience that qualified him to serve on the Police Commission. Mr. Garcia-Acosta also met with the Panel in August 2023. Mr. Garcia-Acosta provided in-depth responses to the Panel's questions.

**4. Alternate Police Commissioner Nomination Process**

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*The Selection Panel will discuss and take action on appointing an Alternate Police Commissioner for the term to end on October 16, 2025, for the position vacated by Angela Jackson-Castain upon her appointment to the Police Commission. This item could also include which candidates will advance to next phase in the interview and selection process.*

Vice Chair Herron requested that the Panel proceed with the process.

Panelist Rivera made a motion to accept Ricardo Garcia-Acosta for the alternate position that remains open on the Police Commission. Panelist Goodall seconded the motion.

Vice Chair proceeded with discussion on the item.

Panelist Link suggested considering both of the candidates and simply take a vote for each candidate. He proposed that the person with the most votes would be the Panelist choice. He indicated that he thought they were both qualified.

Panelist Link nominated Omar Farmer. Thomasson seconded Panelist Link.

Monique withdrew her motion.

Public Comment: no public comment.

Vice Chair Herron proceeded to move forward on a vote with the Panelist.

Panelist Cobb – Omar Farmer  
Panelist Link - Omar Farmer  
Panelist Kakishiba – Garcia-Acosta  
Panelist Rivera – Garcia-Acosta  
Panelist Thommason – Farmer  
Panelist Goodall – Garcia-Acosta  
Panelist Herron – Garcia-Acosta

Mr. Garcia-Acosta received the most votes. The Panel thanked both candidates for participating in the process.

Monique Rivera requested that Omar Farmer stay in the reserve pool until the next round.

5. The Selection Panel may also set or amend its future meeting schedule and set agenda for the next meeting requested to table the item.

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Monique Rivera requested to table this item. Staff will meet with Panelist Rivera to review the documents.

Staff introduced Mac Muir as director of the Police Review Agency.

Another future agenda is for the Panel to elect a chair and vice chair.

Staff also provided a list of Selection Panel members, including their beginning and end terms.

Panelist Cobb requested an update on the lawsuit. Deputy City Attorney Meeti Sudame indicated that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting will adjourn upon the completion of the Selection Panel's business.

Motion to adjourn by Rivera, seconded by Thommason. Passed unanimously.