



OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2022

5:30 P.M.

I. **Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Chair Tyfahra Milele called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m. and took roll.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Tyfahra Milele; Vice Chair Marsha Peterson; Commissioner Brenda Harbin-Forte; Commissioner Rudolph Howell; Commissioner Regina Jackson; Commissioner Jesse Hsieh; Commissioner David Jordan; Alternate Commissioner Angela Jackson-Castain; Alternate Commissioner Karely Ordaz

Absent: None

II. **Adoption of Renewal Resolution Electing to Continue Conducting Meetings Using Teleconferencing in Accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(E), a Provision of AB-361. The Commission will re-adopt findings to permit it to continue meeting via teleconference under the newly amended provisions of the Brown Act.**

After no public comments were made, Commissioner Harbin-Forte made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Peterson, to adopt the renewal resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Milele, Peterson, Harbin-Forte, Howell, Jackson, Hsieh, Jordan

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

III. **Open Forum – Part 1**

No public comments were made.

IV. **Update from Oakland Police Department (OPD)**

OPD representative Assistant Chief Darren Allison provided an update on crime statistics concerning violent and non-violent crimes in the City of Oakland. Updates were provided on response by OPD to uptick in violent crime and property crime. Deputy Chief Wong of Risk Management also provided an update on statistics and response. Questions were raised by Commissioner Jordan, Commissioner Hsieh, Commissioner Harbin-Forte, Commissioner Jackson, Vice Chair Peterson, and Alternate Commissioner Jackson-Castain.

Public comments were made by 6 persons (Cleveland; Olugbala; Contreras; Jaffe; Janks; Stylus).

V. Update from Jim Chanin on Negotiated Settlement Agreement (N.S.A.)

Jim Chanin provided a detailed overview of his experience with police accountability, starting as a member on the Police Review Board in Berkeley in the early 70's and his experience over the past 30 years as a litigator involved in police reform and assisting OPD to improve practices relating to Risk Management. Chanin also touched on his experiences in litigating against OPD and the agreement formed with OPD to found the NSA (Negotiated Settlement Agreement). The key issues of Task 5 and Task 34 were discussed at length. Assistant Chief Allison and Deputy Chief Wong responded to questions at the request of Chair Milele, comment was made by Commissioner Jackson, and questions were raised by Commissioner Hsieh.

Public Comment was made by 3 persons (Stylus; Olugbala; Grinage).

VI. Review of First Sustainability Report by the Independent Monitoring Team

Chair Milele discussed her formal requests for records and briefings regarding internal investigation and discipline processes as well as records relating to body-worn camera systems. Questions and comments were raised by Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Hsieh.

Public Comments were made by 2 persons (Grinage; Olugbala).

VII. Presentation and Possible Approval of Policy DGO I-27 (Long-Range Acoustic Devices)

Commissioner Hsieh presented on OPD use of Long-Range Acoustic Devices. Lieutenant Daza-Quiroz of OPD detailed the specifics and application of these devices in other Police Departments. Lieutenant Daza-Quiroz stated his confidence in the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD) systems and their effect, use, purpose and efficacy. Ad-Hoc Committee member Jennifer Tu shared information on the LRAD systems and made brief comment. Questions were taken from Commissioner Jordan, Alternate Commissioner Jackson-Castain.

After public comments were made by 3 persons (Grinage; Olugbala; Janks), Commissioner Hsieh made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Peterson, to recommend approval of Policy DGO i-27. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Milele, Peterson, Harbin-Forte, Howell, Jackson, Hsieh, Jordan

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

VIII. Presentation and Possible Approval of Policy DGO I-28 (Mobile Command Vehicles)

Commissioner Hsieh presented on Mobile Command Vehicle usage as described by OPD. Overview and comments were made by both Lieutenant Flemming and Jennifer Tu regarding the authorized uses and efficacy of Mobile Command Vehicles in times of crisis response and search operations. Ad-Hoc Committee member Jennifer Tu spoke to AB 481 and its expectations regarding necessary use of military equipment wherein there is no reasonable alternative to achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety, raising the question of the need for a Mobile Command Vehicle despite there being a similar vehicle in OPD fleet currently, purchased in 2009. Questions were raised by Commissioner Hsieh.

After public Comments were made by 2 persons (Beck; Olugbala), Commissioner Hsieh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harbin-Forte, to recommend approval of Policy DGO i-27. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Milele, Peterson, Harbin-Forte, Howell, Jackson, Hsieh, Jordan

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

IX. Update on NACOLE Conference

Vice Chair Peterson gave an overview of the NACOLE Conference in Ft. Worth Texas earlier this year, touching on NACOLE's mission to inform and train with the focus being transparency in local law enforcement, challenges to civilian oversight and officer prosecution, white-supremacist extremism in law enforcement, sexual assault in law enforcement, and other issues concerning Police Oversight.

Public Comments were made by 2 persons (Olugbala; Grinage).

X. Committee Reports

Police Commission Retreat

Commissioner Jackson presented on the November 5th Police Commission Retreat, and its focus of designing a work plan for the next year.

Body Worn Cameras Policy (Commissioners Harbin-Forte, Hsieh, Peterson)

Commissioner Harbin-Forte presented on Body Worn Camera Policy and reported that the Ad-Hoc Committee has almost finished its work and hopes to make a recommendation for approval of the policy at the next meeting. Vice Chair Peterson echoed Commissioner Harbin-Forte's comments and stated there was a robust committee of experienced individuals involved in this matter.

Community Outreach (Commissioners Howell, Hsieh, Jordan)

Commissioner Howell presented on the Community Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee and provided several fliers for use in outreach efforts. Commissioner Howell invited all Ad-Hoc members to make suggestions on what to highlight and share with the community. Comment was made by Commissioner Hsieh and Commissioner Jackson.

Public Comments were made by 4 persons (Olugbala; Contreras; Grinage; Leonard).

XI. Open Forum Part 2

Public comments were made by 2 persons (Olugbala; Janks).

XII. Upcoming/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Jackson suggested that we agendaize selection of a facilitator for the upcoming Commission retreat, and updates on the Chief of Staff and CPRA Director recruitment process.

Public Comment was made by 1 person (Olugbala).

XIII. Adjournment

Chair Milele adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:33 p.m.