



OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 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 5:36 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; Alternate Commissioner Angela Jackson-Castain; Alternate Commissioner Karely Ordaz

Excused: Commissioner Jesse Hsieh; Commissioner David Jordan

The Chair elevated Alternate Commissioners Ordaz and Jackson-Castain to Regular Commissioners.

II. Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT

(Government Code Section 54957(b)) Title: Interim Director of the Community Police Review Agency

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code Section 54957(b)) Title: Inspector General

Following public comment from 3 persons (Grinage; Leonard; Vale) the Commission adjourned to closed session.

After the closed session, Chair Milele reported that the Commission met to discuss the evaluation process and development of an evaluation instrument. The commission decided to circulate a draft evaluation instrument to the commission members and the Inspector General for review and comment. Those comments will be incorporated into a new draft instrument which will be circulated to the public for review. The instrument will be the subject of a public meeting agenda item where public comment can be taken after which the evaluation instrument will be finalized. Also, on a motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Harbin Forte, the commission voted unanimously to appoint Charlotte Jones as the Interim Executive Director, CPRA at the same salary as the last Interim Director upon his departure.

III. Roll Call and Re-Determination of Quorum

Chair Milele then called the meeting back to order and took roll.

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

Excused: Commissioner Jesse Hsieh; Commissioner David Jordan

IV. 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.

After public comments by 2 persons (Leonard; Ogubala), Vice Chair Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, moved to adopt the renewal resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Milele; Peterson; Harbin-Forte; Howell; Jackson; Jackson-Castain; Ordaz

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

V. Open Forum Part 2

No public comments were made.

VI. Report from Chair: Year-End Review and Moving Forward

The Chair provided a year-end review on next steps, thanking Chief Armstrong, the Commission, the public, and all involved parties. The Chair remarked on the numerous policies and actions taken by the Police Commission over the past year. Commissioner Harbin-Forte thanked the chair for providing the Commission with a refresher on the work they have accomplished.

Public Comments were made by 5 persons (Grinage; Janks; Olugbala; Leonard; Parker).

VII. Update from Oakland Police Department (OPD)

Chief Armstrong presented on the department's efforts toward compliance and sustainability in the month of November. Included were the IMT visit and discussions with federal monitors on Use of Force, policy updates, Task 45, and internal survey data collected on the discipline disparity study. Chief Armstrong states his confidence in sustainability goals being reached by May and makes mention of lower percentages in violent crime per current statistics.

Questions were answered from Commissioners Ordaz, Harbin-Forte, and Jackson.

Public comments were made by 8 persons (Beck; Tu; Vale; Leonard; Janks; Olugbala; Contreras; Parker).

VIII. Update from Community Police Review Agency, CPRA – Charlotte Jones

Interim Executive Director Charlotte Jones provided an update on CPRA’s caseload and the reestablishment of weekly recorded staff meetings for case review. Director Jones answered questions from Commissioners Jackson, Peterson, and Harbin-Forte.

Public comments were made by 3 persons (Grinage; Olugbala; Leonard).

IX. Scope of Commission Powers/Duties and Governance Structure (including Executive Director position)

This agenda item was withdrawn by Chair Milele.

Public comments were made by 2 persons (Leonard; Grinage).

X. Committee Reports

Staff Search Committee (Commissioners Milele, Jordan, Howell)

Chief of Staff Yun presented a timeline and update on the CPRA Executive Director search. Questions and comments were raised by Vice Chair Peterson and Commissioner Jackson.

Staff Evaluations Committee (Commissioners Milele, Peterson, Ordaz)

There was no report out for this ad hoc committee.

No public comments were made.

XI. Open Forum Part 2

Public comments were made by 1 person (Olugbala).

XII. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Harbin-Forte made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to postpone this item until the next scheduled meeting due to the number of minutes and amount of editing needed, After no public comments were made, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Milele, Peterson; Harbin-Forte; Howell; Jackson; Jackson-Castain; Ordaz

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Before moving to the next agenda item, the Chair noted that there had been a request to amend the Commission’s Code of Conduct, and referred the request to the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee to begin the process of amending the Code of Conduct.

XIII. Upcoming/Future Agenda Items

Commissioners requested that the following items be placed on a future agenda: a quarterly budget review; a report from the executive director of the ShotSpotter project so the Commission can understand how the system works; a presentation from the Office of Violence Prevention; a report from the CARES Navigation Center; a request to the City Council to have the NSA Ad Hoc become a standing committee; status report on the search for a permanent chief of staff.

During public comments by 2 persons (Olugbala; Janks), the following additional items were requested to be placed on a future agenda: a report from the Regional Center of the East Bay; a report on what actions the City Council is taking on the militarized equipment policy and other policies the Commission has approved; a report to the public on the Commission's role after the sustainability period ends; and a report on the police department's role in the Oakland Unified School District.

XIV. Adjournment

Chair Milele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.