



OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2023
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 5:40 p.m. and took roll.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Alternate Commissioner Angela Jackson-Castain

Late: Vice Chair David Jordan

II. Consider and Approve Request to OPD and City of Oakland for Files and Records related to IAD No. 22-1102 (Charter § 604(f)(2))

Commissioner Peterson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harbin-Forte to approve the request to OPD and City of Oakland for files and records related to IAD case #22-1102. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Vice Chair Jordan arrived prior to the vote being taken*

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

Nays: 0

No public comment was made.

III. Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957(b))

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) *Delphine Allen et al., v. City of Oakland, et al. N.D.Cal No, 00-cv-4599-WHO*

No public comments were made. In closed session, in a motion made by Commissioner Harbin-Forte and seconded by Commissioner Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously for CPRA to explore whether to investigate IAD case #22-1102 and report back to the commission.

IV. Open Forum Part 1

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

V. OPD Budget for Education and Training on Job-Related Mental and Emotional Health Issues

Lynette Hart (OPD Human Resource Manager) and Dr. Raquel Nettles (Program Analyst III and Wellness Program Coordinator) presented on wellness-related policies as well as building upgrades underway at three Police Department locations and the Police Administration Building, with the focus on mental health and well-being. Statistics were provided on officer and professional staff contact with Dr. Michael Palmertree, a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist contracted by the city to provide services to OPD and Oakland Fire Department (OFD). An overview was provided on services, resources, grants, and the current budget for mental and emotional health issues. Deputy Director Kiona Suttle provided additional information.

Questions were raised by Commissioners Jackson, Ordaz, Jordan, and Milele.

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

VI. Report Back from April 11, 2023, Case Management Conference Hearing and Update on Task 5 and 45

Chair Milele read a public statement provided to the Commission by the City Attorney's Office, after which, the item was tabled for a future meeting.

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

VII. Direction to Staff to Develop Bidder Solicitation for Commission Counsel

Chair Milele discussed the procedural nature of this agenda item and the June 30, 2023 end date for the current counsel contract. To begin the process for RFQs, the Commission will need to direct the CPRA Director to develop a draft bid solicitation for the next term of outside counsel to the Commission, which begins July 1, 2023.

Questions were raised by Commissioners Jackson, Ordaz, and Peterson.

No public comment was made.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harbin-Forte, to request the CPRA Director to prepare the RFQ, which identifies subject matter expertise, and bring it back to the Commission for review prior to approval or authorization. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

VIII. CPRA Policies Ad Hoc Presentation for Review and Discussion of the Current Draft of the CPRA Standard Operating Procedures Manual

CPRA Policies Ad Hoc Chair, Commissioner Harbin-Forte, gave thanks to all members of the ad hoc and opened the floor to CPRA Interim Director Charlotte Jones, who presented on the work done by the ad hoc in creating a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual for CPRA.

Ad hoc member Mariano Contreras shared comment, and questions were raised by Commissioners Jackson, Peterson, Hsieh, and Harbin-Forte.

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

IX. Committee Reports

Staff Searches: CPRA Director, Chief of Staff, Police Chief (Commissioners Milele, Jordan, Howell)

Chair Milele provided an update on the Staff Searches Ad Hoc. The Ad Hoc concluded interviews for the CPRA Executive Director search and narrowed down to three candidates. A public forum will take place during the Staff Search Ad Hoc's May 4th meeting, scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The HR consultant managing the Chief of Staff search reports being at the end of finalizing a list of candidates for interview and will follow up soon.

Chair Milele also provided an update on the Police Chief search.

Militarized Equipment (Commissioners Hsieh, Jordan, Jackson-Castain)

Commissioner Hsieh provided an update on the Militarized Equipment Ad Hoc Committee, next meeting April 24th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Included in the update was information on the explosive breaching training bulletin and impact report, as well as the annual report on militarized equipment.

Community Outreach (Commissioners Howell, Jordan, Ordaz)

Commissioner Howell presented on the Community Outreach Ad Hoc, which will hold their next meeting on May 2, 2023, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Commissioner Howell provided an update on an upcoming roundtable events.

Annual Report (Commissioners Jackson, Peterson)

Commissioner Jackson provided an updated on the Annual Report Ad Hoc, which will be meeting April 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Commissioner Jackson advised that the report would be

finalized and submitted to the Commission for review sometime after that.

Public comments were made by 4 persons (Kramer; Hawthorn; Contreras; Leonard).

X. Upcoming/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Jackson requested that the Commission be able to respond to the letter submit to the commission in August by Charlotte Jones, and for the commission to look at Bill AB 2449 regarding Zoom meetings.

Commissioner Harbin-Forte requested that a report from CPRA Interim Director Jones regarding the Commission's March request for mediation be agendized.

Commissioner Peterson requested an update on proposed budget requests.

No public comment was made.

XI. Open Forum Part 2

No public comment was made.

XII. Adjournment

Chair Milele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:48 p.m.