



**CITY OF OAKLAND
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE
(SPECIAL MEETING)**

Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Monday, November 23, 2020

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Co-Chairs Councilmember Bas and Councilmember Taylor.

The meeting began at 6:03pm.

Task Force members present: Anne Marks, David Kakishiba, Antoine Towers, Brooklyn Williams, Mariano Contreras, Keisha Henderson, Reygan Cunningham, James Burch, Pat Kernighan, Carol Wyatt, Ginale Harris, Nikki Dinh, Ivan Garcia, and Losaline Moa.

Task Force members absent: Gus Newport, John Jones III, and Brenda Roberts

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The draft meeting minutes of November 12, 2020 were approved by: Anne Marks, David Kakishiba, Antoine Towers, Brooklyn Williams, Mariano Contreras, Keisha Henderson, Reygan Cunningham, James Burch, Pat Kernighan, Carol Wyatt, Ginale Harris, Nikki Dinh, Ivan Garcia, and Losaline Moa.

Absent: Gus Newport, John Jones III, and Brenda Roberts.

3. Opening Remarks

Councilmember Bas, Councilmember Taylor, and Co-Facilitator David Muhammad of the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform provided opening and framing remarks.

4. Review Updated Timeline

Co-Facilitator Anand Subramanian of PolicyLink presented the updated timeline for the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force and Advisory Boards. The timeline now includes suggested meeting goals for the Advisory Boards and key community engagement benchmarks. Additionally, the Advisory Boards will submit draft recommendations to the Task Force by February 12th, 2021, rather than December 9th, 2020.

5. Update on Voting Standard for Recommendations

Co-Facilitator David Muhammad presented the voting standard for recommendations – all recommendations that are approved by a majority of Task Force members will be included in the report that is submitted to the City Council. The overall formatting of the report to the City Council is still being determined by the Co-Facilitators.

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6. Advisory Board and Task Force Coordination

a) Co-Chair Report-Backs

b) Question & Answer Session

c) Discussion: What does the Task Force want from the Advisory Boards?

Task Force members who are also Co-Chairs to one of the Advisory Boards – Reygan Cunningham (OPD Organization & Culture), David Kakishiba (Budget Data and Analysis), James Burch (Alternate Responses, Programs and Investments), Nikki Dinh (Legal and Policy Barriers and Opportunities), and Losaline Moa (Youth) – shared updates about the meetings and progress of their Advisory Boards to date.

Co-Facilitator David Muhammad shared that a partial version of the Police Department Calls for Service data had been released but that the complete dataset was expected to be released by December 3rd.

Task Force member Mariano Contreras asked about the process and timeline of the community engagement, Co-Facilitator Anand Subramanian responded that the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force website includes a section describing ways for the community to get involved and share perspectives, in addition PolicyLink is currently reviewing potential contracts with community-based organizations to support the engagement process.

Task Force members Ginale Harris and Reygan Cunningham underscored the importance of explicitly centering the perspectives, experiences, and needs of Black and Brown Oakland residents, particularly those living in East and West Oakland, as well as the importance of integrating equity into the framework of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force process and recommendations.

In response to questions/comments from Task Force member James Burch, Councilmember Bas shared that a Homelessness Audit of the program and finances related to the City’s Encampment Management Program is currently being prepared by the City Auditor and is expected to be published by the end of the year. She also shared that that the City Council passed a resolution in July requesting that the City Administration civilianize the special events function of the Police Department.

Task Force member Brooklyn Williams asked the Advisory Board Co-Chairs if they have any working groups considering and/or assessing the intersectionality between State, County, City and School District – Advisory Board Co-Chair James Burch responded his Advisory Board does not, Advisory Board Co-Chair David Kakishiba responded that there is there is a working group beneath his Advisory Board called ‘the Role of State and Federal Partners’, Co-Facilitator Aman Sebahtu shared that there is not currently a working group considering the school district component, Advisory Board Co-Chair Nikki Dinh responded that there is a working group beneath her Advisory Board that is looking at state and local laws regarding criminalization/what is criminalized.

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7. Framework Question #4 Discussion (breakout rooms)

The Task Force members and public participants were divided into three (3) breakout rooms for one (1) hour to discuss Framework Question 4: *What Improvements/reforms are needed from the Oakland Police Department (OPD)?* The discussion in each breakout room was facilitated by a Task Force member. Staff from PolicyLink or the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform took notes of the Task Members' discussion, the notes will be compiled and then sent to the Task Force for review and additional comments.

Following the breakout session, Councilmember Bas provided closing remarks and announcements.

8. Open Forum

There were seven (7) total public speakers for open forum.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.