



# OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

October 24, 2019

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612

## I. Call to Order

Chair Regina Jackson

The meeting started at 6:04 pm.

## II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Regina Jackson

Commissioners Present: Tara Anderson, José Dorado, Henry Gage, III, Ginale Harris, and Regina Jackson. Quorum was met.

Alternate Commissioners Present: David Jordan

Commissioners Excused: Thomas Lloyd Smith

Commissioners Absent: Edwin Prather (*arrived during Item III*)

Alternate Commissioners Absent: Chris Brown (*arrived during Item III*)

Counsel for this meeting: Conor Kennedy

## III. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

No public comments were provided on this item.

**The Commission adjourned to closed session in City Hall Building Bridges room. The open session section of the meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.**

## IV. Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE - Gov't Code § 54957(b)

## V. Determinations of Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE - Gov't Code § 54957(b)

There were no reportable actions on this item.

## VI. Welcome, Purpose, and Open Forum

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Michele Lazaneo

Saleem Bey

Mariano Contreras

Rashidah Grinage

Jane Kramer  
Azizah Ahmad  
Wilson Riles, Jr.  
Patricia St. Onge  
Walter Riley  
Cat Brooks  
Laura Magnani  
Rochelle Towers  
Tracy Rosenberg  
Tonya Love  
John Lindsay-Poland  
Sara Martinez  
Vilma Serrano  
Mayra Alvarado  
Sylvia Chi  
Carol Rothman  
Nomi Gomes  
Nancy Feinstein  
Eleanor Levine  
Bob Heaney  
Kyle Ohlin  
Olivia Udovic  
Mike Hutchinson  
Anne Janks  
Reisa Jaffe

**VII. Welcome New Commissioners**

The Commission welcomed two new members – Commissioner Henry Gage, III and Alternate Commissioner David Jordan.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:  
Rashidah Grinage

No action was taken on this item.

**VIII. Police Officers Bill of Rights Training (*this item was tabled to the next agenda*)**

No public comments were provided on this item.

**IX. Review of Year-to-Date Figures and Future Projections on Commission and CPRA Budgets (*this item was taken out of order*)**

CPRA Executive Director John Alden and Principal Budget Analyst Brad Johnson presented a year-to-date review of the Commission and CPRA budgets.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:  
Maureen Benson  
Elise Bernstein

A motion was made by Tara Anderson, seconded by Henry Gage, III, to move \$649,204 from the Personnel line item ear marked for the Office of Inspector General to another area of operations and materials (O&M) discretionary funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather  
No: 0

A friendly amendment to the motion was made by Henry Gage, II, seconded by Regina Jackson, to direct staff to seek City Council approval to move funds from the Office of Inspector General to the Police Commission O&M budget to be used at the discretion of the Commission. The amendment carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather  
No: 0

**X. Bey Case Review**

The Commission voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the CPRA Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Knox & Ross Law Group for investigation and review of CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147 for an amount not-to-exceed \$49,999.

A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by José Dorado, to reconsider the previous decision and previous action by the Commission to retain the services as counsel of Jason Ross at Knox and Ross Law Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, and Jackson  
No: 0  
Abstain: Prather

A second motion was made by Edwin Prather, seconded by Regina Jackson, to engage the services of Knox & Ross Law Group to investigate if there is enough evidence to reopen the CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147, for an amount not-to-exceed \$49,999, with all work to be conducted by licensed investigators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather  
No: 0

**A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by Edwin Prather, to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather  
No: 0**

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Saleem Bey

A third motion was made by Edwin Prather, seconded by José Dorado, to approve Resolution 19-01 with the following edits: on page two, second paragraph beginning “Whereas Knox and Ross Law Group,” on the second line the phrase “and review of” should be changed to “related to;” paragraph three, second line the words “Jason Ross from” should be deleted; paragraph four, last line the words “review of” should be deleted and inserted the phrase “whether there is enough evidence to reopen;” and in the last paragraph, second line in front of the word “services” the word “investigative” should be inserted, and on the third line the words “review of” should be deleted and replaced with “whether there is enough evidence to reopen.” The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather

No: 0

**A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by José Dorado, to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather**

**No: 0**

**XI. Vote to Accept Proposal from Raheem**

On October 10, 2019 Raheem submitted a proposal to gather community feedback to inform a revised OPD Use of Force policy. Brandon Anderson, Founder and CEO of Raheem, discussed the proposal and scope of work. The Commission voted to accept the proposal and to direct staff to prepare a resolution.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Rashidah Grinage

Anne Janks

A motion was made by Tara Anderson, seconded by Regina Jackson, to engage the services of Raheem as outlined in the scope of work, and also to include specific emphasis on actively working with the Police Commission on methodology which would include development of questions, enhancing education and outreach as it pertains to the existence of the Commission, and the reporting process of CPRA; and to instruct staff to develop a resolution for consideration at the next meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather

No: 0

**A motion was made by Regina Jackson, seconded by Ginale Harris, to table items VIII, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, and XVI to the next agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Harris, Jackson, and Prather**

**No: Gage**

- XII. Legal Counsel RFQ Process (*this item was tabled to the next agenda*)**  
Comments were provided by the following public speakers:  
Rashidah Grinage
- XIII. Subpoena Regarding OBOA Allegations of Racial Discrimination (*this item was tabled to the next agenda*)**  
No public comments were provided on this item.
- XIV. Committee/Liaison/Other Commissioner Reports (*this item was tabled to the next agenda*)**  
No public comments were provided on this item.
- XV. Meeting Minutes Approval (*this item was tabled to the next agenda*)**  
No public comments were provided on this item.
- XVI. Agenda Setting and Prioritization of Upcoming Agenda Items (*this item was tabled to the next agenda*)**  
Comments were provided by the following public speakers:  
Rashidah Grinage  
Saleem Bey
- XVII. Adjournment**  
A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by Regina Jackson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:  
  
Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Jackson, and Prather  
No: 0