



OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

February 11, 2021
5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Chair Regina Jackson

The meeting began at 5:33 pm.

II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Regina Jackson

Commissioners Present: José Dorado, Henry Gage, III, Sergio Garcia, Brenda Harbin-Forte, Regina Jackson, and Tyfahra Singleton. Quorum was met.

Alternate Commissioners Present: David Jordan and Marcia Peterson (*both arrived during item VI*)

Counsel for this meeting: Conor Kennedy

III. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Rachel Beck

Jennifer Tu

Charlotte Ashlock

Megan Steffen

Assata Olugbala

Speaker did not identify themselves

Jasmine Fallstich

The Commission adjourned to closed session. The open session section of the meeting commenced at 6:31 pm.

IV. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: 1 CASE – Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: *Sacks v. City of Oakland*, Case No. RG 20078708 (Alameda Superior)(Filed 10/19/2020)

V. Report out of Closed Session

There were no reportable actions taken.

VI. Welcome, Purpose, and Open Forum

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Kristine Wyndham
Jasmine Fallstich
Steven Jeram
Kevin Cantu
Joseph Mente
Jennifer Tu
Maria Navarro
Gabriel Garcia
Laura Wesley
Rachel Beck
Ann Whidden
Michele Lazaneo
Tasha Mente
Assata Olugbala
Sameena Usman
Maria
Saleem Bey
William Palmer
John Lindsay-Poland
Megan Steffen
Cathy Leonard
Margaret Mayer-Hoffer
Ericson Amaya
Humberto
Amelah El Amin
Kiana Rodriguez
Courtney
Omar Farmer
Christopher Valentine
Anne Janks
Marc Pillisuk

VII. Welcome New Alternate Commissioner – Marsha Peterson

The Commission welcomed and introduced Marsha Peterson as a member of the Police Commission.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Assata Olugbala
Kevin Cantu
Saleem Bey
Cathy Leonard
Jennifer Tu

No action was taken on this item.

VIII. Election of Oakland Police Commission Chairperson

The Commission nominated and voted on the appointment of a Chairperson to serve from February 2021 until the next election in February 2022.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Bruce Schmiechen
Cathy Leonard
Michael Tigges
Assata Olugbala
Saleem Bey
Speaker did not identify themselves
Mariano Contreras

A motion was made by Brenda Harbin-Forte, seconded by José Dorado, to nominate Regina Jackson to serve another term as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, and Singleton
No: 0

IX. Election of Oakland Police Commission Vice Chairperson

The Commission nominated and voted on the appointment of a Vice Chairperson to serve from February 2021 until the next election in February 2022.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Saleem Bey
Michael Tigges
Bruce Schmiechen
Cathy Leonard
Assata Olugbala

A motion was made by Regina Jackson, seconded by Sergio Garcia, to nominate José Dorado to serve as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, and Singleton
No: 0

X. Welcome Oakland Police Chief LeRonne Armstrong and Update from Police Chief

The Commission welcomed and introduced Oakland's new Chief of Police LeRonne Armstrong. Chief Armstrong provided an update on the Department including policy priorities.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Jennifer Tu
Cathy Leonard
Bruce Schmiechen
Lorelei Bosserman

Rashidah Grinage
Joseph Mente
Michele Lazaneo
Megan Steffen
Michael Tigges
Reisa Jaffe
Assata Olugbala
John Lindsay-Poland
Jasmine Fallstich
Amelah El Amin
Omar Farmer
Kevin Cantu
Humberto
Saleem Bey
Mariano Contreras
Salah Elbakri
Christopher Valentine

No action was taken on this item.

XI. Military Equipment Training Bulletin Draft

The Commission discussed the draft training bulletin that the Militarized Police Equipment Ad Hoc Committee developed and voted to approve the draft.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Tom Baker
Joseph Mente
John Lindsay-Poland
Jennifer Tu
Maria Navarro
Reisa Jaffe
Mariano Contreras
Kevin Cantu
Sameena Usman
Cathy Leonard
Assata Olugbala
Tasha Mente
Anne Janks
Megan Steffen
Jasmine Fallstich
Salah Elbakri
Saleem Bey
Omar Farmer

A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by Regina Jackson, to adopt the version of the training bulletin as put forth by the Militarized Police Equipment Ad Hoc Committee. The initial vote resulted in a tie:

Aye: Gage, Harbin-Forte, and Jackson

No: Dorado, Garcia, and Singleton

Chair Jackson promoted David Jordan as a voting member to cast a tie-breaking vote and to remain a voting member for the remainder of the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gage, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, and Jordan

No: Dorado, Garcia, and Singleton

A second motion was made by David Jordan, seconded by Henry Gage, III, to have the Militarized Police Equipment Ad Hoc Committee meet a final time to develop a resolution calling for the sunseting of the BearCat and to determine what the requirements are. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, Jordan, and Singleton

No: 0

A motion was made by Brenda Harbin-Forte, seconded by José Dorado, to extend the meeting one hour. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, Jordan, and Singleton

No: 0

Tyfahra Singleton left the meeting at 11:00 pm.

XII. Resolution for Parity in the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccinations for Front Line Public Safety Workers

The Commission discussed, and voted to approve, a resolution calling for parity in the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations for front line public safety workers.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Assata Olugbala

Jim Chanin

Anne Janks

Joseph Mente

Jennifer Tu

Saleem Bey

Megan Steffen

A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Brenda Harbin-Forte, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, and Jordan
No: 0

XIII. Meeting Minutes Approval

The Commission voted to approve minutes from January 28 and 30, 2021.

No public comments were provided on this item.

A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Brenda Harbin-Forte, to approve the January 28, 2021 minutes with the following edit: replace “been completed” with “begun” under item XII. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, and Jordan
No: 0

A second motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Brenda Harbin-Forte, to approve the January 30, 2021 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, and Jordan
No: 0

XIV. Committee Reports

The Commission discussed Committee membership and Chair Jackson created two Ad Hoc Committees:

IAD Manual – Gage, Jackson, and Jordan
Police Chief Goals and Evaluation – Garcia, Peterson, and Singleton

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Megan Steffen
Joseph Mente
Saleem Bey
Assata Olugbala
Speaker did not identify themselves

No action was taken on this item.

XV. Agenda Setting and Prioritization of Upcoming Agenda Items

The Commission engaged in a working session to discuss and determine agenda items for the upcoming meeting: a resolution regarding sunseting the BearCat, an action plan from the retreat, and a draft of the Rules of Order.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Anne Janks

Assata Olugbala

Saleem Bey

No action was taken on this item.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by Sergio Garcia, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Gage, Garcia, Harbin-Forte, Jackson, and Jordan

No: 0