



# OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

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 Marsha 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