



# OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

March 11, 2021  
5:00 PM

## I. Call to Order

Chair Regina Jackson

The meeting began at 5:02 pm.

## II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Regina Jackson

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

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

Commissioners Excused: Sergio Garcia

Counsel for this meeting: Conor Kennedy

## III. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:  
Assata Olugbala

**The Commission adjourned to closed session. The open session portion of the meeting commenced at 7:12 pm.**

## IV. Closed Session

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: 2 CASES – Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Kirkpatrick v. City of Oakland, Case No. 3:2020-cv-05843

Name of Case: Sacks v. City of Oakland, Case No. RG 20078708

## 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:

Jennifer Tu  
Kevin Cantu  
Jim Chanin  
Reisa Jaffe  
Joseph Mente  
Saleem Bey  
Jasmine Fallstich  
Megan Steffen  
Assata Olugbala

**VII. Vote to Fill Vacant Commissioner Position**

Per Oakland City Charter § 604(c)(7) & (8), the Commission accepted the resignation of former Commissioner James Jackson and voted to promote one of the Alternate Commissioners to replace Commissioner Jackson for the remaining term of office.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Jennifer Tu  
Anne Janks  
Reisa Jaffe  
Megan Steffen  
Assata Olugbala

A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Tyfahra Singleton, to nominate David Jordan to replace Commissioner James Jackson for the remaining term of office. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**VIII. Update from Human Resources Director**

Human Resources Director Ian Appleyard provided an update on the Police Commission reorganization, the Inspector General position, and other staffing projects underway for the Police Commission and the agencies it supervises and responded to questions from the Commission.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Rashidah Grinage  
Saleem Bey  
Ginale Harris  
Reisa Jaffe

No action was taken on this item.

**IX. Update from Police Chief**

OPD Chief Armstrong provided an update on the Department including the Department's zero-tolerance of any racist practices, behaviors, or actions, or affiliations or support of white supremacist or extremist organizations, including social media posts or interactions.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

- Cathy Leonard
- Kevin Cantu
- Reisa Jaffe
- Ginale Harris
- Michele Lazaneo
- Joseph Mente
- Jennifer Tu
- Saleem Bey
- Anne Janks
- Assata Olugbala
- John Bey
- Jasmine Fallstich
- Lorelei Bosserman

No action was taken on this item.

**A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Marsha Peterson, to table items X and XII to the next agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No: 0**

**X. Resolution to Support City Council Signed Ordinance Amending Anti-Nepotism Ordinance OMC Chapter 2.40 Exception for OPD and OFD (*this item was tabled to a future agenda*)**

No public comments were provided on this item.

**XI. Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Update**

Former Commissioner Ginale Harris shared an update on the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

- Joseph Mente
- John Bey
- Jennifer Tu
- Anne Janks
- Mariano Contreras

No action was taken on this item.

**XII. Formal Request for Commissioner Access to Discipline Meetings and Related Personnel Information (*this item was tabled to a future agenda*)**

No public comments were provided on this item.

**XIII. Police Commission 2020 Annual Report**

The Commission discussed the annual report that will be submitted to the Mayor, City Council, and the public.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

John Bey

Assata Olugbala

No action was taken on this item.

**XIV. Meeting Minutes Approval**

The Commission voted to approve minutes from February 25, 2021.

No public comments were provided on this item.

A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Marsha Peterson, to approve the minutes from February 25, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

**XV. Committee Reports**

Representatives from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees provided updates on their work.

**Militarized Police Equipment** – working on a resolution for discussion on the next agenda; **Community Policing OPD 15-01** – will have a comprehensive approach for community input; they will be meeting soon and will be working with Deputy Chiefs Bolton and Joshi.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Megan Steffen

Joseph Mente

Anne Janks

Assata Olugbala

Jennifer Tu

John Bey

Kevin Cantu

No action was taken on this item.

**XVI. Open Forum**

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Rashidah Grinage

John Bey  
Ginale Harris  
Lorelei Bosserman

**XVII. 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 for sunsetting the BearCat, an update from retreat, items X and XII that were tabled from this meeting, and the Commission's annual report.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Jennifer Tu  
Assata Olugbala  
Mariano Contreras  
Jasmine Fallstich

No action was taken on this item.

**XVIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Regina Jackson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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