



**CITY OF OAKLAND
POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL
(SPECIAL MEETING)**

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Via Teleconference

Selection Panel Members: Chairperson James Chanin (District 2), Vice Chairperson Brendalynn Goodall (Mayor), Gay Plair Cobb (At Large), Don Link (District 1), Langston Buddenhagen (District 3), Lorelei Bosserman (District 4), Monique Rivera (District 5), Rickisha Herron (District 6), and Bill Thomasson (District 7).

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at approximately 6:00 pm.

Members present: Chairperson James Chanin, Vice Chairperson Brendalynn Goodall, Gay Plair Cobb, Don Link, Lorelei Bosserman, Monique Rivera, Rickisha Herron, and Bill Thomasson.

Members Absent: Langston Buddenhagen

Staff present: Felicia Verdin

City Attorney Staff present: Allison Dibley

2. Open Forum

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Assata Olugbala
Gene Hazard

3. Welcome New Police Commission Selection Panelist – Monique Rivera, appointed by City Council District 5

Approval of Agenda for Special Meeting, April 26, 2022

A motion was made by Monique Rivera, seconded by Brendalynn Goodall, to approve the meeting agenda for April 26th, 2022, as is.

Adopted by acclamation.

4. Discussion on Current Vacant Alternate Commissioner Seat

Selection panel held a discussion on the current vacant Alternate Police Commissioner, Police Commission application and the staff report.

A motion was made by Bill Thomasson, seconded by Don Link, to allow the two reserve pool candidates that accepted the Ginale Harris and Angela Jackson-Castain to address

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the Selection Panel for five (5) minutes, before the commission makes a decision about filling the Alternate Vacancy. The motion passed with 8 Ayes, (James Chanin, Brendalynn Goodall, Gay Plair Cobb, Donn Link, Lorelei Bosserman, Monique Rivera, Rickisha Herron, Bill Thomasson), one (1) excused (Langston Buddenhagen).

The chair proposed having two discussion areas: 1) leave the seat vacant and conduct applicant outreach for the vacant alternate seat, or 2) choose and appoint an alternate from the current pool of applicants until October 21, 2022.

A second motion to not fill the current vacant Alternate Commissioner seat until October, 2022 and keep the current vacancy open and recruit from the larger pool, was made by Brendalynn Goodall, seconded by Gay Plair Cobb. The motion was not called to the floor.

A substitute motion was made by Don Link, seconded by Monique Rivera, to make an appointment tonight from someone from the reserve pool to the position until October 2022. The motion passes with 5 aye votes (James Chanin, Gay Plair Cobb, Don Link, Lorelei Bosserman, Monique Rivera, Bill Thomasson), with two (2) noes (Brendalynn Goodall and Rickisha Herron, and 1 Excused (Langston Buddenhagen).

A third motion by Lorelei Bosserman, seconded by Bill Thomasson, was made to nominate and appoint Angela Jackson-Castain as an Alternate Police Commissioner. The motion passes with 7 aye's (James Chanin, Donn Link, Lorelei Bosserman, Monique Rivera, Rickisha Herron, Bill Thomasson, Gay Plair Cobb), 1 Abstain (Don Link), and 1 Excused (Langston Buddenhagen).

Public Comments were provided by the following speakers:
Assata Olugbala.
Jean Hazard
Caller ending in -6932
Michele Lazaneo

A substitute motion was made by Don Link, seconded by James Chanin, to select and appoint Ginale Harris as an Alternate Police Commissioner. The motion fails with 3 aye votes (James Chanin, Brendalynn Goodall, Don Link, 3 noes (Lorelei Bosserman, Monique Rivera, Bill Thomasson), 2 abstain (Gay Plair Cobb, Rickisha Herron), 1 excused (Langston Buddenhagen).

Public Comments were provided by the following speakers:
Caller ending in -9932
Gene Hazard
Assata Olugbala
Mary Vail
Mariano Contrera

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5. Report from the Procedure Improvement Ad hoc Committee

Ad Hoc Committee for Procedure Improvement will return to the next meeting with comments and request feedback from the Selection Panel Members on the Procedure Improvement report.

Public Comments were provided by the following speakers:

E. Bernstein
Mariano Contreras
Assata Olugbala

6. 2022 Police Commissioner Application and Selection Process

Updated Schedule for Updated New Applications deadline was originally set for April 21 through June 30. The City of Oakland will issue a press release.

Selection Panel Members set a potential first interview dates for August 2 (or potentially August 4) as determined on July 19. Second follow-up interview dates potentially for Wednesday, August 10 with candidate reference checks.

Ad-hoc Sub-Committee for candidate question analysis to be composed by Brendalynn Goodall, Gay Plair Cobb, and Rickisha Herron.

Public Comments were provided by the following speaker(s):

Assata Olugbala

7. Police Commissioner Application Outreach

Selection Panel Members discussed current and renewed outreach efforts, that will include an announcement in the Mayor's newsletters, and outreach to other communication lists.

No objections to renewed and expanded outreach efforts.

Public Comments were made by the following speaker(s):

Assata Olugbala

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm.