



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 30, 2020**  
Via Teleconference

Selection Panel Members: Gay Plair Cobb (At Large), Don Link (District 1), James Chanin (District 2), *Vacant* (District 3), Lorelei Bosserman (District 4), Mary Vail (District 5), Braunz Courtney (District 6), Bill Thomasson (District 7), and Brendalynn Goodall (Mayor).

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**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 5:31 pm.

Members present: Lorelei Bosserman, James Chanin, Gay Plair Cobb, Brendalynn Goodall, Don Link (arrived at 5:35 pm), Bill Thomasson and Mary Vail.

Members absent: Braunz Courtney

Staff present: Richard J. Luna

City Attorney Staff present: Allison Dibley

Selection Panel Members reported on the reference checks completed for the applicants interviewing with the Selection Panel for Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Selection Panel Member Gay Plair Cobb announced that applicant Sherria Taylor withdrew from consideration.

**2. Open Forum**

There were no public comments on this item.

There were no written comments submitted to the Selection Panel.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**3. Approval of Selection Panel Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mary Vail, seconded by Brendalynn Goodall, to approve the draft meeting minutes for July 22, 2020. Motion passed with six ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Thomasson, Vail) and one abstention (Link).

There were no public comments on this item.

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**4. Selection Panel Interviews and Deliberations of Police Commission Applicants**

The Selection Panel interviewed Police Commission applicants Jesse Hsieh and Elliott Jones.

The Selection Panel recessed from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

The Selection Panel interviewed Police Commission applicant Art Blacksher.

Police Commission applicant Cristina Cross experienced a technical difficulty in connecting to the teleconference meeting. The Selection Panel rescheduled Ms. Cross' interview to 7:05 pm on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

The Selection Panel interviewed Police Commission applicants Brian Hauck and Barbara Swoffard.

Public comments were provided by the following public speakers:  
Rashidah Grinage

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.