



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

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

6:15 PM

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), Mary Vail (District 5), Rickisha Herron (District 6), and Bill Thomasson (District 7).

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1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

2. Open Forum (maximum 15 minutes)

Speakers will be called on by the facilitator as speakers “raise their hand” through video conference or by telephone. All speakers will be allotted a maximum of two minutes unless the Chairperson allocates additional time.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Police Commissioner Nomination Process

The Selection Panel will discuss and take possible action on its process for appointing Police Commissioners during the 2021 and/or 2022 nomination process. Actions may include, but are not limited to: determining which candidates will advance to interview with the Selection Panel on July 15, 2021; setting or amending its future meeting schedule; determining questions to ask during reference checks; and determining questions to ask candidates during interviews.

- [Ranking of Police Commission Applicants](#)
- [Proposed Questions for Reference Checks](#)
- [Applicant Evaluation Tool](#)
- [Finalist Interview Questions](#)

4. Adjournment

The meeting will adjourn upon the completion of the Selection Panel’s business.

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Ranking of Police Commission Applicants

Rank	Applicant	Lorelei Bosserman	Langston Buddenhagen	Jim Chanin	Gay Plair Cobb	Brendalynn Goodall	Rickisha Herron	Don Link	Bill Thomasson	Mary Vail	Total
1	Angela Jackson-Castain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
2	Jose Dorado	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
3	Ginale Harris		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	7
--	Rudolph Howell	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			7
5	Joey Harrison	1		1	1	1				1	5
6	Cynthia Chase		1	1				1	1		4
--	Kumar Vedantham		1		1	1				1	4
8	Sokhom Mao		1				1		1		3
9	Jesse Smith							1		1	2
--	Samantha Jo-Dato	1				1					2
11	Claudette Hill	1									1
--	Mark Lindquist						1				1
13	Cseneca Parker										
--	Kim Powers										
--	Lance Delmore										
--	Lesley Latham										

All candidate applications have been previously shared and are located on the City's website:

https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/SUPPLEMENTAL-Police-Commission-Applications_updated-6-16-21.pdf

Submitted by Lorelei Bosserman

1. **First question:** "Tell me about this person." (We can get information we might not have thought to ask about, and we can get their impressions before they are influenced by what questions we ask.)
2. What is this person's greatest strength?
3. What is their greatest weakness?
4. Do you know if they have ever worked on a board, commission, or other body of people? Do you know how they handled that experience?
5. Are they opinionated?
6. How do they handle conflict?
7. How do they handle criticism?
8. Can they cooperate with people they disagree with?
9. Are they receptive to other points of view?
10. Have you ever seen them compromise?
11. Have you ever seen them change their mind?
12. Have you ever seen them change their mind under pressure?

Submitted by Don Link

1. Do you think _____ would be a good Oakland Police Commissioner?

Why do you say that?

2. Has _____ been involved in Public Safety matters in the past?

(If yes) Please describe how:

3. Has _____ been involved in the Oakland community and public service?

(If yes) For how long, and please describe his/her activities

4. Do you think _____ has the time and energy to do the work required of an Oakland

Police Commissioner? It is estimated that between Commission meetings, studying meeting materials, and Subcommittee work, approximately 20 hours a week are required.

5. Do you think that _____ has the capacity to be fair and unbiased?

Please say why you think so:



APPLICANT EVALUATION TOOL
Position: Police Commissioner (Volunteer)

Position Description

Serve on Police Commission public body of seven (7) members plus two (2) alternates. The Police Commission's role is to oversee the Oakland Police Department's policies, practices and customs to meet national standards of constitutional policing and oversee the Community Police Review Agency that investigates police misconduct and recommends discipline.

Core Competencies, Interview Questions & Evaluation

Core competencies are the identified knowledge, skills, and/or abilities that are necessary to the successful performance of an Oakland Police Commissioner. The objective of the interview is to assess the competency and qualifications for serving as a Police Commissioner. The Selection Panel will ask each applicant a series of questions that are designed to understand the applicant's qualifications in the following areas:

A. Interpersonal / Collaborative

- a. Works cooperatively and productively with others to achieve results.
- b. Respects and welcomes diverse perspectives. Able to process multiple points of view and achieve constructive results.
- c. Respects the confidentiality of information or concerns shared by others.
- d. Strong communications skills – both written and oral.

B. Judgement / Decision-Making

- a. Has a strong sense of urgency about solving problems and getting work done.
- b. Effectively analyzes and interprets rules and regulations.
- c. Understands inter-relational systems and influences.
- d. Applies factual information, due diligence and sound judgment in making decisions and dealing with confidential and/or sensitive information.

C. Analytic / Investigative Practices

- a. Has knowledge and/or experience in sound investigative practices.
- b. Has knowledge and/or experience in applying a racial equity framework and systems thinking approach to identifying and addressing issues.

D. Values / Commitment / Perspective

- a. Seeks and synthesizes community perspective into decision-making.
- b. Able to commit time and energy to serving on Police Commission.
- c. Brings perspective of community most impacted by law enforcement (e.g., race, gender, disability, residency, etc.)

E. Level of Interest

- a. Understands role and authority of Police Commission.

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

A. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant’s strength of the **Core Competency – Interpersonal / Collaborative**:

1. Tell us about your experience working effectively with others, including your experience working on other boards, commissions and groups. How did you handle conflict in these situations?

Additional questions as time permits...

2. Scenario: The Commission is deadlocked on a decision and cannot move forward. How will you unite the conversation so the commission can come to a decision?

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Interpersonal / Collaborative					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

B. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant’s strength of the **Core Competency – Judgement / Decision-Making**:

3. While serving on the Police Commission there will be a great deal of pressure from the public, fellow commission members and City staff. What skills will you draw on to manage this and come to a fact-based decision?

Additional questions as time permits...

- 4. Tell us about your experience and/or opinion of the Oakland Police Department.
- 5. Describe an experience where you had to make a difficult decision that affected someone’s life.
- 6. Being a Commissioner may involve being insulted by the public and criticized by the police. Have you ever been publicly insulted? What advice would you give to someone about how to handle it?
- 7. Has someone you disagreed with ever changed your mind about something? Please provide an example.

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Judgement / Decision-Making					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

C. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant’s strength of the **Core Competency – Analytic / Investigative Practices**:

8. Throughout the Federal Court's oversight of O.P.D., the Court has consistently criticized OPD's Internal Affairs Division for the thoroughness, objectivity and professionalism of its investigations of alleged officer misconduct and there is a public perception that both line police officers and their supervisors are rarely held accountable. What structural or policy changes should the Commission explore to address this issue?

Additional questions as time permits...

9. How does institutional racism and systemic oppression impact the department’s ability to achieve compliance with the Negotiated Settlement Agreement?

10. How do you define police brutality and what are the key elements that produce it?

11. With the assistance of a Court-appointed expert, it has been fully established that OPD officers have for some time and continue to make racially-biased stops of motorists and pedestrians. What actions should the Commission take to change this OPD practice?

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Analytic / Investigative Practices					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

D. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant's strength of the **Core Competency – Values / Commitment / Perspective:**

12. Experience has shown that the time commitment to effectively serve on the Police Commission is approximated to be between 10 to 20 hours a week. What are some limiting obligations that might make it difficult for you to effectively perform as a Police Commissioner and complete your term, and how will you manage these obligations?

Additional questions as time permits...

13. Tell us about your community involvement and what groups you are affiliated with.

14. While serving on the Commission you will learn information that may not be familiar to your life experience, share a brief experience where you had to see through many lenses.

15. Why do you want to be part of the Oakland Police Commission and what impacts would you like to see the Oakland Police Commission have and accomplish?

16. What skills would you bring to the Oakland Police Commission?

17. What is the Police Commission doing right?

18. If you became a Police Commissioner, what would you do differently?

19. For you personally, which of your work, community service and/or organizational leadership experiences would help you in serving on the Oakland Police Commission?

POLICE COMMISSIONER APPLICANT EVALUATION TOOL

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Values / Commitment / Perspective					
Comments	<p><i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i></p>				

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

E. Based on the responses to the following interview questions, rate the applicant’s strength of the Core **Competency – Level of Interest**:

20. When did you first become interested in the Police Commission? What have you done to learn more about it? And what are your impressions?

Additional questions as time permits...

21. Have you attended any Police Commission meetings either in person or virtually?

Core Competency	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Level of Interest					
Comments	<i>Note. The Comments section allows for a qualitative assessment, to complement the quantitative scores.</i>				

POLICE COMMISSIONER APPLICANT EVALUATION TOOL

Applicant Name: _____

Evaluator Initials: _____

	Exceptional (5)	Strong (4)	Fair (3)	Weak (2)	Not Acceptable (1)
Overall Score					
Comments					

Standard Questions

1. Would you tell the Panel about your involvement in Public Safety matters in Oakland, and how that involvement has influenced your desire to serve on the Oakland Police Commission?

Follow-up, time permitting

What do you hope to achieve on the Commission?

2. How can the commission make the best use of the data in VISION?

If they don't know, explain it to them and then get an answer.

3. What change in OPD policy is needed to break up the 'thin blue line' or code of silence?
4. What concrete steps should the Commission take to expand community engagement and input? And, what would you do to educate and engage the community in the work of the Commission? Please be specific.
5. While serving on the Commission you will learn information that may not be familiar to your life experience. Please share a brief experience where you had to see through someone else's life experience and give an example.
6. How would you work to gain consensus in a chaotic situation where the Commission is deeply divided on an issue? Are there any similar examples where you have done this?
7. What is your approach to creating highly effective teamwork with colleagues on the Commission, even when belief systems about the work may vary widely? Please give examples where you have done that.
8. How would you handle specific concerns and complaints about the OPD, which are brought to the Commission? These can include instances of excessive force, failure to act in a situation that requires police intervention, etc.
9. What would you advocate as the best process to use to identify the recommendations for the next Police Chief? Would you give preference to promoting from within OPD or to an outsider?
10. How does institutional racism and historic bias influence the effectiveness of efforts by the Courts, the Commission and OPD leadership to revise and implement policy and operational reforms.

Optional & Follow Up Questions

11. How do you define police brutality, and what are the key factors responsible for it?
12. How would you grade the Oakland Police Commission's accomplishments to date, and what are its major challenges going forward?

Finalist Interview Questions

13. What is the most important asset that a candidate for Inspector General should possess? -OR- In the coming year, the Commission will likely recruit and hire its first Inspector General. What do you believe are the most important skills, experience and other qualifications that candidates for this position should have?
14. Describe an experience where you had to make a difficult decision that affected someone's life.
15. Has anyone you disagreed with ever changed your mind about something? Please provide an example.
16. If you are appointed, what would you want your legacy to be after completing your term? What significant contribution would you want the Commission to remember you for?
17. It's often been said that police culture has police policy for lunch. What strategies can the Commission use to align the pace of policy change and cultural change at OPD?
18. In Oakland, in the area of crowd/demonstration control the OPD's "cycle" is to violate both the law and its existing policy, the City to be sued, the City to settle the new lawsuits, sometimes with revisions to its prior policy, and OPD commanders and line personnel to again violate the same laws and policy during future demonstrations. What steps can the Commission take to help break this cycle?
19. With guidance from the Commission, the CPRA Executive Director is in the process of developing a uniform process for charge intake, categorization, investigation and timely decision or resolution of complaints of officer misconduct. What do you believe are the most important components of such a case-handling system?
20. How long have you lived in Oakland?
21. Have you read Measure LL, the 21-page document that defines the Police Commission? (Available on the Police Commission website, <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/police-commission>. Scroll down to "About," near the bottom of the page.)
22. Have you read any of the minutes or agenda packets for any of the Police Commission meetings? (Available on the Police Commission website, <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/police-commission>. Under "Meetings," click "View All Meetings, Minutes & Agendas.")