



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 10, 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 5:30 pm.

Members present: Lorelei Bosserman, James Chanin, Gay Plair Cobb, Brendalynn Goodall, Don Link, Bill Thomasson and Mary Vail.

Members absent: Braunz Courtney

Staff present: Richard J. Luna

City Attorney Staff present: Harveen Gill

**2. Open Forum**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Sala Bandabila  
Gene Hazzard  
Saleem Bey  
Megan Steffen  
Assata Olugbala  
Jack

Written comments were provided by:

Morgann Nieto  
Anti Police Terror Project

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

A motion was made by Brendalynn Goodall, seconded by Gay Plair Cobb, to approve the draft meeting minutes of July 30, 2020, August 3, 2020, and August 4, 2020. Motion passed with seven ayes (Bosserman, Cobb, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

There were no public comments on this item.

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**4. Second Round Interview Process**

Chairperson James Chanin announced that three candidates tied for the sixth place in the latest voting round and provided options for how the Selection Panel can proceed with those three applicants.

A motion was made by Brendalynn Goodall, seconded by Mary Vail, that the three individuals tied for sixth place be included in the Reserve Pool and if there is a vacancy, that they be included in interviews. Motion passed with seven ayes (Bosserman, Cobb, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

The Selection Panel then discussed the proposed finalist questions included in the Agenda packet. Member Don Link withdrew proposed questions 6 and 10, and stated several proposed questions were similar; Member Mary Vail withdrew proposed questions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

A second motion was made by Brendalynn Goodall, seconded by Gay Plair Cobb, to set 20 minutes for standard questions during the interviews and to set 25 minutes for optional questions. Motion passed with seven ayes (Bosserman, Cobb, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

Chairperson James Chanin stated that the Selection Panel would select 10 questions for the standard questions to ask each applicant and that the Selection Panel would vote on each question individually. The Selection Panel voted through the raise hand function in Zoom with Member Don Link and City staff member Richard J. Luna tallying results. After reviewing and voting on questions, the Selection Panel announced questions 5, 14, 15, 16 (combined with 22), 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, and 28 as the standard questions.

Member Gay Plair Cobb provided a statement she received from Regina Jackson, regarding the reference provided for applicant Ginale Harris, and announced that the statement was distributed to the Selection Panel via email.

There were no public comments on this item.

**5. Interview Schedule and Final Determination of Nominees**

The Selection Panel interviewed Police Commission applicants Tyfahra Singleton, Brian Hauck and Omar Farmer.

The Selection Panel then discussed its process for making its nomination at the conclusion of the interviews.

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A motion was made by Don Link, seconded by Lorelei Bosserman, that the Selection Panel would vote on finalists on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Motion passed with seven ayes (Bosserman, Cobb, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

A second motion was made by Bill Thomasson, seconded by Lorelei Bosserman, that the Selection Panel would have a discussion on the applicants prior to voting on the nominations. Motion passed with seven ayes (Bosserman, Cobb, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

A third motion was made by Lorelei Bosserman, seconded by Bill Thomasson, that the Selection Panel would have a discussion after the vote on the nominations, including a discussion if there was a tie vote. Motion passed with six ayes (Bosserman, Cobb, Chanin, Goodall, Thomasson, Vail) and one no (Link).

There were no public comments on this item.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.