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On February 15, 2023, Dr. Tyfahra Milele (Chair of the Oakland Police Commission) made the following statement prior to the Commission's closed session meeting:

We respect the Mayor's decision to release Chief Armstrong without cause.

Because based on the information provided to the Commission, it is clear that there were questions about the credibility and quality of the outside investigation report issued by a San Francisco law firm. The Commission voted for a Discipline Committee to explore these issues and in particular the allegations against the Chief.

It is also clear that the action of the Commission to stand up a Discipline Committee played a role in the Mayor's "no cause" decision.

There is an assertion that the Mayor asked for the Commission's recommendation. That was not a formal request, and it was clear to me that last week the Mayor was wary about Commissioner's relationship with the Chief, so we gave our recommendation by standing up a Discipline Committee.

Incidentally, the Commission was not informed of the Mayor's decision to release the Chief before her press conference.

We are sorry to lose an effective reform-minded Chief who led the OPD into compliance in 51 out of 52 Tasks of the Negotiated Settlement Agreement.

Moving forward, the Commission under the Charter plays a vital role in determining the next Chief. We look forward to starting that process as soon as possible.