



## CITY of OAKLAND | POLICE COMMISSION

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**On February 16, 2023, Dr. Tyfahra Milele, Chair of the Oakland Police Commission issued the following statement:**

The Oakland Police Commission is the City’s police reform body, vested with oversight authority over the Oakland Police Department. The Commission pays close attention to the federal litigation against the Police Department, known as *Allen v. City of Oakland*, for updates about the court-ordered oversight program commonly known as the Negotiated Settlement Agreement (“NSA”) and the current one-year Sustainability Period.

At the January 24, 2023 *Allen* case management conference, Judge William H. Orrick ordered:

the stakeholders in the NSA – including counsel for the parties, OPD, **as well as representatives from the Police Commission or its staff if they are willing** – shall engage in serious discussions regarding how the City will achieve full compliance with the NSA and ensure that the constitutional policing mandated by the NSA will take root past the Sustainability Period.

The Police Commission has a keen interest in participating in the Court oversight process and ensuring that the constitutional policing mandated by the NSA take root beyond the Sustainability Period. As part of the Commission’s effort to see that through and exercise its Charter authority, I hereby convene an NSA Ad Hoc Committee to:

1. Represent the Commission in all deliberations and discussions with other City of Oakland stakeholders pertaining to the Sustainability Period and efforts to resolve Court oversight;
2. Review the status of OPD compliance with NSA Tasks 5 (investigations) and 45 (racial disparity in discipline) and make recommendations as to any policies that may be required to achieve compliance in these areas, including the review and assessment of the January 18, 2023 policy recommendations of Clarence, Dyer & Cohen, LLP; and
3. Recommend policies and actions required to ensure that the constitutional policing mandated by the NSA continue beyond the Sustainability Period.

The Chair of this new Ad Hoc Committee shall be Commissioner Brenda Harbin-Forte, a retired Superior Court Judge known for her work in diversity and demographics data tracking for the state’s judiciary. Judge Harbin-Forte was recently honored by the Judicial Council of California as a 2022 Distinguished Service Award Recipient, making her the first African American Judge to receive this prestigious award. As a former judge, Commissioner Harbin-Forte is an ideal leader to guide the Commission through this critical period of Court oversight. She will be joined on this NSA Ad Hoc Committee by Commissioner Jesse Hsieh, Esq., a distinguished member of the defense bar, and myself, Dr. Tyfahra Milele, Commission Chair.