

Rules Ad Hoc Meeting (9/30/2024)

Meeting Minutes

Time: 6:03 PM - 7:26 PM

Attendees:

- Marsha Peterson (Chair of the Ad Hoc, current Commission Chair)
- Regina Jackson (Commissioner, Chair Emeritus)
- Mykah Montgomery (Chief of Staff, Oakland Police Commission)

Main Topics Discussed:

1. Review of Current Rules:

- There is a need to update and expand the Commission's existing rules of order.
- Potential inclusion of elements from the enabling ordinance and relevant updates from the latest ordinance edits.

2. Chair and Vice Chair Responsibilities:

 There was discussion around empowering the Vice Chair and ensuring they are involved in meetings with direct reports, city officials, legal counsel, and agenda preparations.

3. Ad Hoc Committee Participation:

 Clarifying the appointment of regular, alternate commissioners, and former commissioners as ex-officio non-voting members of ad hoc committees. Authority of the Chair to remove members from an ad hoc committee and adding grounds for removal (e.g., lack of attendance, follow-through, disruptive behavior).

4. Community Engagement:

 Definitions and expectations for community engagement from commissioners, including the possibility of adding this as a rule.

5. Alternates' Role in Closed Sessions:

 Discussion about the inclusion of alternates in closed sessions for consistency and continuity in commission matters.

6. Agenda Setting Process:

- Revision of the agenda-setting process, allowing submissions from commissioners and other stakeholders.
- Potentially removing the need for a formal submission form and encouraging suggestions via email to the Chair or Chief of Staff.

Next Steps:

- 1. **Review Legal Concerns on Alternates:** The team will investigate the legal interpretation of alternates being included in closed sessions, including consultation with legal counsel.
- 2. **Vice Chair Involvement:** Add language ensuring the Vice Chair's involvement in direct reports, meetings with city officials, legal counsel, and agenda preparation.
- 3. **Follow-Up Meeting:** Schedule another meeting on **Friday, 10/4/24, at 4:00 PM** to finalize recommendations and prepare for submission to the full commission.