



OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2023

5:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Tyfahra Milele called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. and took roll.

Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chair David Jordan; Commissioner Brenda Harbin-Forte; Commissioner Jesse Hsieh; Commissioner Regina Jackson; Commissioner Marsha Peterson; Alternate Commissioner Angela Jackson-Castain; Alternate Commissioner Karely Ordaz

Excused: Commissioner Rudolph Howell

II. Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957(b))

Following public comment by 6 persons (Beck; Leonard; Grinage; Tigges; Olugbala; Contreras), the Commission adjourned to closed session.

Chair Milele then called the meeting back to order and took roll.

Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chair David Jordan; Commissioner Brenda Harbin-Forte; Commissioner Rudolph Howell; Commissioner Jesse Hsieh; Commissioner Regina Jackson; Commissioner Marsha Peterson; Alternate Commissioner Karely Ordaz

Excused: Alternate Commissioner Angela Jackson-Castain

After redetermining quorum, Chair Milele made the following statement, by unanimous vote of the Commission:

Tonight's Discipline Committee, by design, was intended to assess the outside investigation reports and not to conduct its own investigation. By unanimous vote, the Commission has canceled tonight's Discipline Committee given the Mayor's termination of Chief Armstrong without cause.

We give a heartfelt farewell to Chief Armstrong, who has led the Department through:

- An incredibly challenging pandemic with a huge surge in violent crime;
- Who has brought OPD into compliance with 51 out of 52 of the NSA Tasks;
- Who has brought OPD into Sustainability after 20 years of federal oversight;
- Who has crafted one of the most, if not the most diverse leadership team in the country.

We want to acknowledge that the last few months revealed significant problems, including:

- Miscommunications between the City and the Commission;
- The questionable quality, sufficiency, and credibility of the outside investigations;
- Significant gaps and shortfalls in Department policies and procedures for internal investigations.

We have a start to a road map to make sure that this never occurs again. The outside investigations provide some recommendations about how we move forward. In conjunction with the mayor, the Department, and the community, the Police Commission will take the next few months to assess the mess with which we have been left and find solutions to the problems that led us to where we are today.

Commissioners Jackson, Harbin-Forte, and Peterson made comments thanking the former Chief for his service.

III. Adjournment

Chair Milele adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:58 p.m.