



OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2021, 6:30 PM

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

Chair Regina Jackson

Roll Call: Vice Chair José Dorado; Commissioner Henry Gage, III; Commissioner Sergio Garcia; Commissioner Brenda Harbin-Forte; Chair Regina Jackson; Commissioner David Jordan; Commissioner Tyfahra Milele; Alternate Commissioner Jesse Hsieh; Alternate Commissioner Marsha Peterson

Absent/excused: Comm. Garcia joined at 7:30pm

II. Open Forum Part 1 (2 minutes per speaker, 15 minutes total)

After ascertaining how many members of the public wish to speak, Chair Regina Jackson will invite the public to speak on any items not on the agenda but may be of interest to the public, and that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments on specific agenda items will not be heard during Open Forum but must be reserved until the agenda item is called. The Chair has the right to reduce speaking time to 1 minute if the number of speakers would cause this Open Forum to extend beyond 15 minutes. Any speakers not able to address the Commission during this Open Forum will be given priority to speak during Open Forum Part 2, at the end of the agenda.

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

Salem Bey
Nino Parker

III. Update from Police Chief

OPD Chief Armstrong will provide an update on the Department. Topics discussed in the update may include crime statistics; an update on the Negotiated Settlement Agreement; a preview of topics which may be placed on a future agenda; responses to community member questions sent in advance to the Police Commission Chair; and specific topics requested in advance by Commissioners. ***This is a recurring item.***

Chief Armstrong presented the latest numbers noting that tragically the OPD has passed the 100th homicide of the year, as well as the most recent officer involved shooting, the conclusion to the social media account investigation and his subsequent decision to revise OPD's internal policy regarding Department issued devices and the various anti-discrimination efforts underway.

Lt. Beaver joined Chief Armstrong to present the Department's findings related to non-militaristic vehicles and the replacement of the BearCats.

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

John Lindsay-Poland



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Omar Farmer
Rashida Grinage
Oscar
Assata Olugbala
Jennifer Findlay
Anne Janks

IV. **Report on and Review of CPRA Pending Cases, Completed Investigations, Staffing, and Recent Activities**

To the extent permitted by state and local law, Executive Director John Alden will report on the Agency's pending cases, completed investigations, staffing, and recent activities. ***This is a recurring item.***

Exec Director Alden reported to the Commission on the reopening of CPRA's office to the public per the City's requirements (full reopening expected for January 3, 2022). He also discussed the officer involved shooting reminded the Commission and public this is a pending investigation, with full cooperation from OPD.

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

Rashida Grinage
Assata Olugbala
Oscar
John Bey
Nino Parker

V. **Vote to Adopt Chapter 8 of the Commission's Rules of Order.** The Police Commission may take action to approve the proposal of the Rules Ad Hoc Committee to adopt Chapter 8, "Ad Hoc Committees" to the Commission's Rules of Order, and to revise the cover page of the Rules of Order. This is a new item.

Comm. Gage, on behalf of the Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee, presented the groups suggestions for forming and consistently organizing and managing ad hocs. The Commissioners debated the merit of the new suggestions, especially related to public participation in ad hocs in general and regarding this work. Commissioners along with CPRA director Alden also discussed resourcing constraints and the Commissions ability to run and maintain ad hocs and standing committees, with Dir. Alden committing to a longer discussion on the matter at the next Commission meeting.

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

John Lindsay-Poland
Oscar
Rashida Grinage
Assata Olugbala
Bruce Schmeichen



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Mariano Contreras
Anne Janks
Omar Farmer

Comm. Harbin-Forte brought a motion to refer ad hoc protocol rules to the Community Outreach Committee for them to propose procedures and rules for the operation of ad hocs.

Comm. Garcia seconds.

Comm. Gage amends the motion to specify the public engagement portion be handled by the Community Outreach Committee and returned to the Rules Committee to further discuss the policy review process. Comm. Harbin-Forte accepts the amendment.

Commission votes unanimously.

- VI. Update on CPRA and Commission Measure S1 Compliance to Date.** CPRA Executive Director John Alden will update the Commission on the progress in implementing Measure S1 to date at CPRA and also the Commission, and share possible next steps so that the Commission may provide direction. ***This is a new item.***

Exec. Director Alden presents progress made towards implementing Measure S1 and the work that remains, especially as relates to resourcing.

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

Rashida Grinage
Assata Olugbala
Omar Farmer

- VII. Planning Retreat.** Police Commission Chair Regina Jackson will discuss with the Commission the possibility of holding a planning retreat. ***This is a new item.***

Chair Jackson discussed the activities that went into planning and running the last Commission retreat and suggests Commissioners begin to consider planning for the next one, likely early 2022 and in person, if possible.

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

Assata Olugbala

- VIII. Committee Reports**
Representatives from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees will provide updates on their work. ***This is a recurring item.***



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Inspector General Search

(Commissioners Milele, Jackson, Peterson)

The Inspector General Search Ad Hoc Committee is tasked with conducting a nationwide search for a civilian Inspector General who will report to the Police Commission.

Chief's Performance Evaluation

(Commissioners Garcia, Milele, Peterson)

The mission of the Chief Goals Ad Hoc is to establish goals and objectives that determine the criteria upon which the Oakland Chief of Police will be evaluated by the Oakland Police Commission.

White Supremacists and Other Extremist Groups

(Commissioners Dorado, Harbin-Forte, Jackson)

The purpose of the Oakland Police Commission Ad Hoc Committee on White Supremacy is to ensure the Commission's oversight of the Oakland Police Department and the Chief of Police is properly focused on identifying and eradicating white supremacist infiltration of local law enforcement agencies, including in Oakland. The Ad Hoc's charge is to elevate the visibility of this issue, which is long overdue, and to ensure the Department is prepared, informed, and proactive about identifying and eradicating any links to white supremacy within our Department. Because a police department shapes a city's culture in countless ways, the Ad Hoc's long term goal is to root out the evil of White Supremacy in both our Police Department and all across our City for the safety of all Oakland residents and Police Officers.

OBOA Allegations Investigation

(Commissioners Harbin-Forte, Jackson)

The mission of the OBOA Allegations Investigation Ad Hoc Committee is to select an outside firm through the City's Request for Proposals process, to investigate allegations made by the Oakland Black Officers Association that the Oakland Police Department engages in racially discriminatory hiring and promotions.

Commissioners shared the progress of their ad hocs, including two upcoming public forums (one culminating the activities for the IG search, the other on behalf of the Missing Person's policy revision) and discussion as to whether or not to fold in the work of the White Supremacy ad hoc into the Social Media Policy ad hoc.

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

Jennifer Findlay

Omar Farmer

Anne Janks

Resa Jaffe

IX. Open Forum Part 2 (2 minutes per speaker)



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Chair Regina Jackson will invite public speakers to speak on items that were not on the agenda, and that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission, with priority given to speakers who were unable to address the Commission during Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting. Speakers who made comments during Open Forum Part 1 will not be permitted to make comments during this Open Forum. Comments previously made during public comment on agenda items may not be repeated during this Open Forum. The Chair has the right to reduce speaking time to 1 minute for reasons the Chair will state on the record. ***This is a recurring item.***

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

Anne Janks
Assata Olugbala
Resa Jaffe
Jennifer Findlay

X. **Agenda Setting and Prioritization of Upcoming Agenda Items**

The Commission will engage in a working session to discuss and determine agenda items for the upcoming Commission meeting and to agree on a list of agenda items to be discussed on future agendas. ***This is a recurring item.***

- Request to agendize training on Robert's Rules of Order (Comm. Harbin-Forte)

Public Comment provided by the following speakers:

Assata Olugbala
Anne Janks

XI. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:38pm