



OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

November 14, 2019

6:30 PM

City Council Chamber, 3rd Floor
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Ginale Harris

The meeting started at 6:34 pm.

II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Vice Chair Ginale Harris

Commissioners Present: Tara Anderson, José Dorado, Henry Gage, III, Ginale Harris, Edwin Prather, and Thomas Lloyd Smith. Quorum was met.

Alternate Commissioners Present: Chris Brown and David Jordan

Commissioner Absent: Regina Jackson

Counsel for this meeting: Conor Kennedy

III. Welcome, Purpose, and Open Forum

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Mariano Contreras

Meredith Cohen

Jane Kramer

Michele Lazaneo

Saleem Bey

IV. Draft Ordinance on Military Police Equipment

The Coalition for Police Accountability presented a draft ordinance for review and Police Commission consideration. Deputy Chief LeRonne Armstrong and Captain Jerry Wingate presented the Oakland Police Department (OPD) response to the draft ordinance.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

John Lindsay-Poland

Saleem Bey

Kathleen Donnelly-Moran

Amy Bodam

Wilson Riles, Jr.

Paula Hawthorne

Liz Atkins-Pattenson

Jane Kramer

Ben Keller

Sameena Usman

Oscar Fuentes

Eleanor Levine
Micheline Levy
Paul Bickmore
Bruce Schmiechen

A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by Edwin Prather, to form an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Commissioner Gage and Alternate Commissioners Brown and Jordan, and table the item to the next meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith
No: 0

V. Report on and Review of CPRA Pending Cases, Completed Investigations, Staffing, Recent Activities, and Executive Director's 100 Day Report

John Alden reported on his first 100 days serving as the CPRA Executive Director.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:
Rashidah Grinage
Daniela Kantorova

No action was taken on this item.

A motion was made by Thomas Lloyd Smith, seconded by Henry Gage, III, to suspend the rules and to skip items VI, VII, and VIII and move to item IX. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith
No: 0**

IX. Subpoenas Regarding OBOA Allegations of Racial Discrimination (*this item was taken out of order*)

The Commission discussed and voted on serving a subpoena relating to the Oakland Black Officers Association's allegations of racial discrimination.

No public comments were provided on this item.

A motion was made by Ginale Harris, seconded by José Dorado, to serve a subpoena to Sgt. Smith to appear in closed session before the Commission regarding OBOA's allegations of racial discrimination. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, and Smith
No: 0
Abstain: Prather

VII. Review Proposed Resolution to City Council Requesting Reallocation of Funds (*this item was taken out of order*)

The Commission reviewed a proposed Resolution requesting the City Council to reallocate funds in the amount of \$250,000 that are designated for the Office of Inspector General to fund contracts previously discussed and/or approved by the Commission.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:
Jane Kramer

A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by José Dorado, to approve the resolution with edits offered by John Alden. The motion carried by the following vote:

The edits are as follows: in the title of the resolution, the dollar amount should be changed from \$250,000 to \$649,204. A comma should be inserted after “Walker and Associates” in the 10th line of the title and the “and” after “Associates” should be deleted. In the 12th line of the title a comma should be inserted after “Group” and the text “and other expenses” should be added.

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith
No: 0

VI. Vote to Approve Resolution to Enter into Contract with Raheem (*this item was taken out of order*)

The Commission voted to approve a Resolution authorizing the CPRA Executive Director to (1) enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Raheem to gather community feedback to inform a revised OPD use of force policy for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000; and (2) request on behalf of the Police Commission that the City Administrator waive the competitive solicitation process.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:
Brandon Anderson
Maureen Benson
Jane Kramer

A motion was made by Tara Anderson, seconded by Henry Gage, III, to approve the resolution and enter into a contract with Raheem. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith
No: 0

VIII. Legal Counsel RFQ Process (*this item was taken out of order*)

The Commission discussed the process used to engage outside legal counsel.

No public comments were provided on this item.

No action was taken on this item.

X. Report on Policing of Oakland’s Unhoused Communities (*this item was tabled to a future agenda*)

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:
Richard Speigelman

A motion was made by Ginale Harris, seconded by José Dorado, to table this item to a future agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Harris, and Smith
No: Gage, Prather

XI. Vote to Submit Request to City Council to Create Standing Policy and Legislation Committee

The Commission voted on authorizing the submission of a request to the City Council for approval of a Standing Policy and Legislation Committee.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:
Maureen Benson
Jane Kramer
John Lindsay-Poland
Lorelei Bosserman

A motion was made by Henry Gage, III, seconded by José Dorado, to submit a request to the City Council for approval of a Standing Policy and Legislation Committee. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado and Gage
No: Anderson, Harris, Prather, and Smith

XII. Votes to Cancel Meeting Scheduled for November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving) and to Approve Off-Site Meeting on December 12, 2019

The Commission voted to cancel the second meeting of the month on November 28th as it is Thanksgiving Day. The Commission also voted to approve holding an off-site meeting on December 12, 2019 at the East Oakland Youth Development Center.

No public comments were provided on this item.

A motion was made by Ginale Harris, seconded by Thomas Lloyd Smith, to cancel the meeting on November 28, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith
No: 0

A second motion was made by Ginale Harris, seconded by Henry Gage, III, to hold the December 12, 2019 meeting at the East Oakland Youth Development Center. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith

No: 0

XIII. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Mental Health Model as an Alternative to Calling Police

The Commission voted to create an Ad Hoc Committee for a Mental Health Model to convene a group of local mental health providers, specifically those who work with the most impacted families in the Oakland/Bay Area, to gather key components of a model that is an alternative to calling the police.

Comments were provided by the following public speakers:

Jane Kramer

Maureen Benson

Daniella Kantorova

A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Ginale Harris, to create an Ad Hoc Committee for a Mental Health Model composed of Commissioners Dorado and Harris and Alternate Commissioner Brown. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith

No: 0

XIV. Meeting Minutes Approval

The Commission voted on approving minutes from May 23, June 13, and June 27, 2019.

No public comments were provided on this item.

A motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Thomas Lloyd Smith, to approve the minutes from May 23, 2019. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Dorado, Harris, and Smith

No: 0

Abstain: Anderson, Gage, and Prather

A second motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Tara Anderson, to approve the minutes from June 13, 2019. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, and Harris

No: 0

Abstain: Gage, Prather, and Smith

A third motion was made by José Dorado, seconded by Tara Anderson, to approve the minutes from June 27, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Harris, and Smith

No: 0

Abstain: Gage and Prather

XV. Police Officers Bill of Rights Training (*this item was tabled to the next agenda*)

No public comments were provided on this item.

A motion was made by Tara Anderson, seconded by Henry Gage, III, to table this item to one of the first items on the December 12, 2019 meeting agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, and Prather

No: Smith

Abstain: Harris

XVI. Agenda Setting and Prioritization of Upcoming Agenda Items

The Commission engaged in a working session and discussed agenda items for the upcoming Commission meeting: Police Officers Bill of Rights Training; Draft Ordinance on Military Police Equipment; and a report from the Use of Force Working Group.

No public comments were provided on this item.

No motion was made on this item.

XVII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Thomas Lloyd Smith, seconded by Edwin Prather, to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Anderson, Dorado, Gage, Harris, Prather, and Smith

No: 0