



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL  
(SPECIAL MEETING)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 19, 2021**  
Via Teleconference

Selection Panel Members: Gay Plair Cobb (At Large), Don Link (District 1), James Chanin (District 2), Langston Buddenhagen (District 3), Lorelei Bosserman (District 4), Mary Vail (District 5), Rickisha Herron (District 6), Bill Thomasson (District 7), and Brendalynn Goodall (Mayor).

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**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 6:02 pm.

Members present: Lorelei Bosserman, Langston Buddenhagen, James Chanin, Gay Plair Cobb, Brendalynn Goodall, Rickisha Herron, Don Link, Bill Thomasson (arrived at 7:03 pm) and Mary Vail.

Members absent: None

Staff present: Richard J. Luna

City Attorney Staff present: Allison Dibley

**2. Open Forum**

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Heather Davison

*A person identified as a West Oakland Resident*

Valerie Baptiste

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Written comments were submitted prior to the meeting by the following individuals:

Mayra Ramirez

**ACTION ITEMS**

**3. Approval of Selection Panel Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Brendalynn Goodall, seconded by Lorelei Bosserman, to approve the meeting minutes of April 5, 2021. The motion passed with eight ayes (Bosserman, Buddenhagen, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Herron, Link, Vail) and one excused (Thomasson).

There were no public comments on this item.

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**4. Vacant Alternate Commissioner Seat**

The Selection Panel interviewed Police Commission applicant Theodore Johnson.

Member Bill Thomasson arrived at 7:03 pm.

The Selection Panel continued interviewing Police Commission applicants Omar Farmer and Jesse Hsieh.

The Selection Panel took public comments before recessing from 8:38 to 8:50 pm.

Roll call was re-taken with all members present.

Selection Panel Members discussed the applicants, stating their preference in which candidate would receive a nomination to serve as an Alternate Commissioner on the Police Commission.

A motion was made by Don Link, seconded by Brendalynn Goodall to nominate Jesse Hsieh as the Selection Panel's nominee for the Alternate Commissioner vacancy. The motion passed with nine ayes (Bosserman, Buddenhagen, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Herron, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:  
Assata Olugbala  
Reisa Jaffe

**5. Police Commissioner Application Outreach**

The Selection Panel discussed upcoming outreach opportunities. City staff member Richard J. Luna stated the first step in outreach is to complete the edits to the application and post the updated document on the City's website. Member Lorelei Bosserman stated she could work with city staff in updating previously approved outreach documents so City staff can distribute materials to the Selection Panel Members and the public accordingly.

A motion was made by Langston Buddenhagen, seconded by Brendalynn Goodall, to approve the Selection Panel's current plan of Police Commissioner outreach. The motion passed with nine ayes (Bosserman, Buddenhagen, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Herron, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:  
Assata Olugbala  
Omar Farmer

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**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

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