



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**  
Via Teleconference

Selection Panel Members: *Vacant* (At Large), Don Link (District 1), James Chanin (District 2), *Vacant* (District 3), Lorelei Bosserman (District 4), Mary Vail (District 5), Braunz Courtney (District 6), *Vacant* (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 5:09 pm.

Members present: Lorelei Bosserman, James Chanin, Don Link, Brendalynn Goodall, and Mary Vail.

Members absent: Braunz Courtney

Staff present: Richard J. Luna

City Attorney Staff present: Allison Dibley

**2. Open Forum**

All public comments were received during Open Forum by the following public speakers: Assata Olugbala

There were no written comments submitted to the Selection Panel.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

Mary Vail asked if the Selection Panel could approve meeting minutes for the July 1 and July 3, 2019 meeting dates since only two current members were on the Selection Panel during that time. Attorney Allison Dibley stated that newer members could abstain during the vote, and the minutes could be approved by a majority of those members voting.

A motion was made by Brendalynn Goodall, and seconded by James Chanin, to approve the meeting minutes for July 1, 2019, July 3, 2019, and February 20, 2020. The Selection Panel held separate votes for each of the meeting dates.

The motion to approve the meeting minutes for July 1, 2019, passed with 2 ayes (Chanin and Vail) and 3 abstentions (Bosserman, Goodall, and Link).

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The motion to approve the meeting minutes for July 3, 2019, passed with 2 ayes (Chanin and Vail) and 3 abstentions (Bosserman, Goodall, and Link).

The motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 20, 2020, passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

**4. Determining Selection Panel Chairperson**

The Selection Panel discussed the Chairperson's role and nomination.

A motion was made by Brendalynn Goodall, and seconded by Mary Vail to nominate James Chanin as Chairperson. The motion passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

**5. Determining Selection Panel Vice Chairperson**

The Selection Panel discussed the Vice Chairperson's role and nomination.

A motion was made by Lorelei Bosserman, and seconded by James Chanin, to nominate Brendalynn Goodall as the Vice Chairperson. Motion passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

**6. 2020 Police Commissioner Application and Selection Process**

The Selection Panel discussed its process for appointing Police Commissioners during the current selection process. City staff member Richard J. Luna presented and answered Panel Member questions regarding the terms of the current Police Commissioners set to expire in 2020, staff's proposed nomination schedule, and the number of applications received to date.

Lorelei Bosserman offered input on the nomination schedule and asked Attorney Allison Dibley if the Selection Panel could interview applicants in a closed session setting. Mary Vail and Chairperson James Chanin provided an overview of the past years' selection and nomination process, including conducting deliberations in a public setting. Attorney Allison Dibley notified the Selection Panel that under the Brown Act, the Selection Panel could not meet in closed session to deliberate and make its nominations.

A motion was made by Mary Vail, and seconded by Vice Chairperson Brendalynn Goodall, to adopt staff's proposed 2020 nomination schedule. Before this vote, the Selection Panel continued to discuss the timing of interviews and having current Police Commissioners reapply to serve on the Commission.

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A second motion was made by Don Link, and seconded by Mary Vail, that current Commissioners need to reapply to be considered by the Selection Panel. A friendly amendment suggested by Chairperson James Chanin was added to the motion that City staff member Richard J. Luna notify the current Commissioners that they need to reapply. Motion passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

Attorney Allison Dibley informed the Selection Panel that in past years, the Selection Panel also sent notices to the Mayoral appointees regarding term expiration.

**At approximately 6:04 pm, Chairperson James Chanin exited the meeting due to a technical difficulty. The Selection Panel went into recess due to lack of quorum. At approximately 6:09 pm, Chairperson James Chanin rejoined and the meeting resumed.**

A third motion was made by Lorelei Bosserman, and seconded by Vice Chairperson Brendalynn Goodall, that the notices to current Commissioners regarding term expiration also be sent to Mayoral appointees. Motion passed with 4 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link). Member Vail's microphone was disabled and therefore did not participate in the vote.

The Selection Panel then took the vote on the first motion to adopt staff's proposed 2020 nomination schedule. Motion passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

**7. Discussion regarding Commissioner Harris and former Selection Panel Member Jessie**

Chairperson James Chanin provided a summary of the incidents related to former Selection Panel Member Candice Jessie resigning from the Selection Panel. Mary Vail recommended, and Chairperson James Chanin later agreed, that the Selection Panel not engage in discussions involving former Member Jessie and Commissioner Ginale Harris.

No action was taken on this item.

**8. Outreach Materials**

Member Lorelei Bosserman presented the outreach materials included in the agenda beginning with a letter to former applicants. Chairperson Chanin provided an edit to state the Selection Panel is currently considering two nominations to the Police Commission. Lorelei Bosserman volunteered to be the point of contact and answer questions to prospective applicants.

The Selection Panel also discussed contacting and inviting all past applicants to reapply.

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A motion was made by Lorelei Bosserman, seconded by Mary Vail, to add a sentence in the letter that the Selection Panel will be making two nominations to the Police Commission, that the letter be signed by Chairperson James Chanin, and that the letter be sent to past finalist applicants inviting them to reapply to the Police Commission. Motion passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

Lorelei Bosserman presented a proposal for social media posts related to the Selection Panel's nomination and application process. Chairperson James Chanin asked City staff member Richard J. Luna about a distribution list for Selection Panel announcements. City staff member Luna stated he would work with the City's Communication Team to issue a City press release announcing the Police Commission application process and deadline.

A second motion was made by Lorelei Bosserman, seconded by Mary Vail, to adopt the proposed social media posts. Motion passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

A third motion was made by Lorelei Bosserman, seconded by Mary Vail, that Ms. Bosserman be authorized to email the Mayor and City Councilmembers announcing the Police Commission selection process and include the approved social media posts. Motion passed with 5 ayes (Bosserman, Chanin, Goodall, Link, Vail).

**9. Next Meeting**

City staff member Richard J. Luna recommended the Selection Panel hold its next meeting as its annual meeting to fulfill a requirement to receive training on Measure LL, the measure that created City Charter Section 604 related to the Police Commission. The Selection Panel Members all confirmed they could meet on that date and time. Chairperson James Chanin announced that the next meeting will be its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

No action was taken on this item.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.