



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

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 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).

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 6:17 pm.

Members present: Lorelei Bosserman, Langston Buddenhagen, James Chanin, Gay Plair Cobb, Brendalynn Goodall, Rickisha Herron, Don Link, Bill Thomasson, and Mary Vail.

Staff present: Richard J. Luna

City Attorney Staff present: Allison Dibley

2. Open Forum

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Michele Lazaneo
Assata Olugbala
Rashidah Grinage
Saleem Bey

3. Selection Panel Interviews and Deliberations of Police Commission Applicants

Selection Panel Members provided oral reports on the reference checks conducted for each applicant. City staff member Richard J. Luna announced that candidate Joey Harrison withdrew from the selection process and would not be participating in the interviews.

The Selection Panel then interviewed the following candidates: Angela Jackson-Castain, Ginale Harris, and Rudolph Howell.

The Selection Panel recessed from 8:45 to 8:55 pm.

The Selection Panel then continued the interviews with the following candidate: Jose Dorado.

The Selection Panel then discussed whether to deliberate and discuss the candidates or whether to hold all discussions to a future meeting.

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A motion was made by Lorelei Bosserman, seconded by Bill Thomasson, to discuss the candidates that same evening. The motion passed with nine ayes (Bosserman, Buddenhagen, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Herron, Link, Thomasson, Vail).

Selection Panel Members then discussed the merits of the candidates and if there were any conflicts of interest in Selection Panel Members evaluating candidates they know on a personal level. Deputy City Attorney Allison Dibley clarified there were no legal barriers for a Member to vote for a candidate they were familiar or had a personal relationship with.

During the discussions, City staff member Richard J. Luna stated that when the Selection Panel does make its nomination, that it would require a two-thirds vote with no fewer than five affirmative votes.

The Selection Panel further discussed the process in which they would submit their votes and how to reach a two-thirds vote should a candidate not receive the necessary threshold for a nomination.

A second motion was made by Bill Thomasson, seconded by Don Link, for Selection Panel Members to nominate one candidate each and submit their vote to City staff via email, for staff to report the votes in the next agenda packet, and that if a candidate did not receive the necessary two-thirds threshold to receive the nomination, that the Selection Panel would eliminate the two lowest scoring candidates and only deliberate the top two scoring candidates. The motion passed with seven ayes (Buddenhagen, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Herron, Link, Thomasson) and two noes (Bosserman, Vail).

City staff member Richard J. Luna stated the deadline to submit votes would be 12:00 pm on Monday, July 26, 2021, and that the agenda packet would publish that same day. The next meeting was announced as Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 6:15 pm.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:
Assata Olugbala

4. Approval of Selection Panel Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Gay Plair Cobb, seconded by Bill Thomasson, to continue this item to the next meeting of the Selection Panel. The motion passed with eight ayes (Bosserman, Buddenhagen, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Link, Thomasson, Vail) and one not present (Herron).

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Mariano Contreras
Assata Olugbala

5. Selection Process & Nomination Improvements

A motion was made by Gay Plair Cobb, seconded by Bill Thomasson, to continue this item to the next meeting of the Selection Panel. The motion passed with eight ayes (Bosserman, Buddenhagen, Chanin, Cobb, Goodall, Link, Thomasson, Vail) and one not present (Herron).

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:
Mariano Contreras
Assata Olugbala

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 pm.