



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
(approved)

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

No physical location; meeting held exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR RAMSEY AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Ismail Ramsey (Chair)
Commissioner Michael Chang (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Gwen Allamby
Commissioner Kitty Calavita
Commissioner Juliet Leftwich
Commissioner Elisa Mikiten
Commissioner Hans Moore
Commissioner George Perezvelez

Absent: Commissioner Nathan Mizell

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Interim Chief Jennifer Louis, Lt. Robert Rittenhouse, Sgt. Jumaane Jones, Ofc. Carlos Maldonado (BPA)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Allamby) **Motion Carried by general consent.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was 1 speaker.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular meeting of March 10, 2021.

The Regular Meeting minutes of March 10, 2021, with two corrections: 1) in Item #1, correct the spelling of Ofc. Maldonado's name; and 2) in the motion under Item #10.b.ii), substitute "be placed" for "replaced," were approved by general consent.

b. Special meeting of March 13, 2021.

The Special Meeting minutes of March 13, 2021, were approved by general consent.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Ramsey reported:

-- Mayor's Working Group on Fair & Impartial continues to meet with the Mayor and Council to make sure the recommendations for accountability measures are implemented.

-- Reminder that applications for Police Accountability Board are due March 29.

6. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

The PRC Officer reported:

-- No new complaints filed since the last meeting.

-- Council's Public Safety Policy Committee will meet March 29 at 10:30 a.m. and continue consideration of the Controlled Equipment Ordinance.

-- Reminder to Chair and Vice-Chair to complete their mandatory training for commission officers.

-- Next meeting in 3 weeks.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Interim Chief Louis was welcomed, and she introduced herself:

-- Born and raised in Bay Area. With BPD over 22 years; came up through ranks in many divisions: investigations, support services, jail, comm center, patrol; has worked on budget and sat on labor tables. Don't take this responsibility lightly. Intend to continue interactions and partnerships with PRC and other City departments. Aware of amount of BPD's ongoing work with Fair & Impartial Policing Working Group recommendations, Reimagining Task Force, and PRC subcommittees.

Chief Louis answered questions from Commissioners.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (discussion and action)

Report of activities and meeting scheduling for all Subcommittees, possible appointment of new members to all Subcommittees, and additional discussion and action as noted for specific Subcommittees:

- a. Warrant Service Policy Subcommittee – Met March 16. One more meeting before bringing to full Commission.
- b. Outreach Subcommittee – March 13 webinar evaluation and debrief: Co-Chair Mikiten said all very pleased with the event. Subcommittee discussing plans for future outreach; perhaps leaving recommendations for the PAB.
- c. Lexipol Policies Subcommittee – next meeting March 26, 1:30 p.m.

9. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Update on transition to new Police Accountability Board and Office of Director of Police Accountability, including:
 - i) Applications for Board members: due date March 29 at 5:00 p.m.
 - ii) Continue discussion about development of rules and regulations governing the operation of the incoming Police Accountability Board, with input from the PRC and the community.

The PRC Officer gave a report and answered questions.

- b. Review and approve letter of thanks and commendation to former Chief Greenwood on the occasion of his retirement.

Motion to send the draft letter as amended in three places.

Moved/Second (Mikiten/Chang) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Chang, Leftwich, Mikiten, Moore, Perezvelez, and Ramsey.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mizell

10. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Police Review Commission involvement in hiring of new Chief of Police.

Motion to send the letter to the City Manager as drafted by Commissioner Calavita, with an additional sentence regarding the value of PRC involvement to the applicants themselves; and to send copies of the letter to the City Council, the Mayor’s Working Group on Fair and Impartial Policing, and the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

Moved/Second (Mikiten/Leftwich) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Chang, Leftwich, Mikiten, Moore, Perezvelez, and Ramsey.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mizell

- b. Whether to participate in a scenario-based use-of-force training offered by the Police Department

Discussion begun and to continue at the next meeting, with another agenda item on observing police as they are trained.

- c. Review Police Department issues in implementing of Policy 300, Use of Force, particularly regarding what constitutes a Level 1 UOF, and staff time needed for reporting UOF incidents.

Discussion begun and to continue at next meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved/Second (Mikiten/Leftwich) **Motion Carried by general consent.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.