



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
(*approved*)

Thursday, May 13, 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 7:05 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Ismail Ramsey (Chair)
Commissioner Michael Chang (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Gwen Allamby
Commissioner Kitty Calavita
Commissioner Juliet Leftwich
Commissioner Elisa Mikiten (arrived 7:23 pm)
Commissioner Hans Moore

Absent: Commissioner Nathan Mizell

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Capt. Rico Rolleri, Lt. Robert Rittenhouse, Lt. Joe Okies, Lt. Dan Montgomery

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 2 speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021

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

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Ramsey reported:

- Coordinating with Mayor's Office and Police Chief re progress on recommendations of Fair & Impartial Policing Working Group. Presentation has been made to some Councilmembers, and will be made to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.
- Will hear from Subcommittees before PRC goes out of business
- Nominations for PAB by Mayor and Council to be considered 1st week of June.

(No update on Reimagining Public Safety Task Force as Comm. Mizell was absent; conflict with Task Force meeting.)

6. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

The PRC Officer reported:

- Two new complaints were filed since the last meeting. One was withdrawn after complainant discussed with staff; she will file a policy complaint instead.
- PRC offices moved from 1st to 5th floor this past weekend. Moving into larger space in anticipation of Ofc. of Director of Police Accountability staff expanding to four people.
- Second reading of the Controlled Equipment Ordinance passed at the Council's April 27 meeting.
- City offices will be closed May 21 for the Malcolm X holiday.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Capt. Rolleri reported:

- Staffing still at 157 but 3 officers are in background to go elsewhere. 19 injured officers; of those, 12 out on temporary disability and 7 on modified duty. 2 of the injuries sustained in incidents involving persons in crisis.
- Interim Chief Louis sent a message clarifying her comments at the April 28 PRC meeting: Booking photos published by Berkeleyside on April 27 were provided by BPD's Public Information Officer [PIO] in response to a Public Records request. At the Sept. 25, 2018 meeting, Council approved a policy limiting the publishing of arrest photos of those arrested by BPD for nonviolent offenses at First Amendment events. Since then, PIO directed to only release booking photos if media requests directly, as long as not jeopardizing an ongoing criminal investigation. (This exception covered in Gov't Code sec. 6254(f).) BPD recognizes community's concerns re posting booking photos, and tries to not name arrested persons in news releases and to limit posting of booking photos to cases posing serious threat to the community. She apologizes for the inconvenience. Capt. Rolleri added that the Issue of releasing photos is always a difficult tightrope to walk.

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:

10. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Consider making recommendations to the new Police Accountability Board about improving the process for handling complaints against officers.

(Discussed; to be continued to the next meeting.)

- b. Discuss vaccination status of sworn officers of the Berkeley Police Department.

Motion to have Chair Ramsey write a letter to the City Manager, with his attachments [agenda packet materials for this item], expressing concern about police officers being vaccinated, and asking whether a decision has been made regarding requiring vaccinations, and the reasons for that decision.

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

- c. Lexipol policies for review and approval.

Lexipol	G.O.	Title
324	P-29	Media Relations
403	C-52	Crime and Disaster Scene Integrity and Investigation
804	R-23	Records Maintenance and Release

(Postponed to the next meeting.)

- d. Extent of hate crimes tracking in the City of Berkeley.

(Discussed; to be continued to the next meeting.)

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was 1 speaker.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Calavita) **Motion Carried by general consent,**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.