



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Katherine J. Lee

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
(approved)

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR CHANG AT 7:02 P.M.

Present: Board Member Michael Chang (Chair)
Board Member Nathan Mizell (Vice-Chair)
Board Member Kitty Calavita
Board Member Regina Harris
Board Member Juliet Leftwich
Board Member Deborah Levine
Board Member John Moore
Board Member Cheryl Owens

Absent: Board Member Ismail Ramsey

ODPA Staff: Katherine J. Lee, Interim Director of Police Accountability
Byron Norris, DPA Investigator

BPD Staff: Lt. Melanie Turner, Lt. Jennifer Tate

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

3 speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022.
Moved/Second (Leftwich/Harris) Motion Carried by general consent

5. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

No report from Chair Chang.

No report from Board member Calavita on Police Chief Search.

Vice-chair Mizell report on Reimagining Public Safety: City Council had initial conversation about recommendations from NICJR and the Task Force.

6. DIRECTOR OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY'S REPORT

The Interim Director reported:

-- No new complaints filed since the last meeting.

-- On April 25: City Council postponed consideration of ALPR Use Policy to May 10 meeting; received preview of City's new website.

-- Tomorrow [April 28] around 12:30 pm Police Dept. will present budget to Council Budget & Finance Committee; Friday [April 29] Interim Director will present PAB/ODPA budget around 10 am.

-- Tomorrow evening is the Mental Health Commission's meeting to explore a diversion approach to people in mental health crisis.

-- Today is Administrative Professionals Day. Thanks to our administrative support person, Maritza Martinez.

-- Investigator Byron Norris's last day is May 2; he was thanked for his years of service.

Mr. Norris made some remarks.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Lt. Turner reported on behalf of Interim Chief Louis:

-- 4 recent cases of interest:

- April 22 response to 2400 block of Durant to robbery with gun; suspect still at large.

- April 19 numerous calls re gunfire at 8th & Addison. No victims located; investigation ongoing.

- Last week woman shot in face with BB gun driving out of gas station at Shattuck & Ashby; investigation ongoing.

- April 14 woman sexually assaulted at knifepoint. Detective & sex crimes unit working the case.

-- Staffing: one officer cleared field training; one retired. Currently 156 sworn with 8 in academy or FTO.

-- Significant staff time being devoted to: fair & impartial policing implementation; inaugural reporting and creation of equipment impact statement and use policies; reimagining public safety proposals; FY 23-24 budget proposals; implementing audit recommendations from 3 reports; upcoming launch of transparency hub; other strategic plan priorities.

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. Fair & Impartial Policing Implementation – Chair Calavita: met April 20 and continue to meet regularly.
- b. Director Search – Chair Levine: spoke to Deputy City Manager LaTanya Bellow; confident Board will have significant role in selection of Director.
- c. Regulations – Chair Chang: met April 2; have gone through entire document again. Next meetings May 4, and May 6 if needed.
- d. Mental Health Issues (Response and Crisis Stabilization). On hold for now.
- e. Policy 351, Fixed Surveillance Cameras. Haven't met yet.
- f. PAB Budget Proposal. No recent meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Update regarding conversations with the Deputy City Manager about the PAB's role in the recruitment and hiring of the permanent Director of Police Accountability; and authorizing further action, such as a follow-up letter, if needed.

Report given as part of Item #8.b. No action.

- b. Discuss how to prioritize the work of the Police Accountability Board and the Director of Police Accountability; and conduct the prioritization process.

Discussed; no action.

10. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Review commendations of Berkeley Police Dept. personnel
Discussed; to be continued at next meeting.

Motion to take public comment before Item #10.b.

Moved/Second (Harris/Levine) **Motion Carried by general consent**

- b. Training: Traffic Enforcement

Presentation made by Lt. Jennifer Tate

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Taken following Item #10.a.)
5 speakers.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Second (Mizell/Harris) **By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**