



POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Board Members:

JOHN MOORE III. (CHAIR)
KITTY CALAVITA

JULIE LEFTWICH

REGINA HARRIS (VICE-CHAIR)
LEAH WILSON

MEETING LOCATION

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Board Member John Moore (Chair)
Board Member Kitty Calavita
Board Member Juliet Leftwich
Board Member Leah Wilson
Absent: Board Member Regina Harris (Vice-Chair)
ODPA Staff: Hansel Aguilar, Director of Police Accountability
Jose Murillo, Policy Analyst
Jayson Wechter, Investigator
BPD Staff: Captain Durbin
Lieutenant Reece
CAO Staff: Laura I. Mattes
BPA Rep.: Officer Shivas

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich). Motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Public Comment

1 Speaker Physically Present

0 Speakers Virtually Present

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2023

Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2023.

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Calavita) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

b. Special Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2023

Motion to Approve the Special Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2023.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. ODPa Staff Report

Director Aguilar delivers updates on forthcoming training and events, staff engagement in ride-alongs, recruitment of new personnel, and the ODPa's potential acquisition of new office space. Policy Analyst Murillo presents information about staff presence at the PERF Body-Worn Camera conference in Washington DC.

6. Chair and Board Members' Reports

Chair Moore announces that the independent investigator has submitted the report regarding the Downtown Task Force and Bike Unit allegation investigation. However, the PAB has not received additional information as to the findings. The PAB has been granted access to some data considered by the report, which will be utilized in its policy review. The Board intends to share additional information as it becomes available, to the extent that it is permissible.

7. Chief of Police's Report

Captain Durbin, representing Chief Louis, delivers updates on staffing, community engagement, and department events, as well as other relevant matters of interest.

8. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy and Practices Relating to the Downtown Task Force and Bike Unit Allegations

Board member Calavita informs that the subcommittee has identified several policies to address and will be diligently working on formulating recommendations for the Board in the upcoming weeks.

b. Body-Worn Camera Policy

Board member Leftwich announces that the subcommittee's meetings with BPD have been highly productive. The subcommittee has narrowed down three key issues for consideration in a revised policy. The BPD has told the subcommittee that they will craft a policy taking into account their concerns, and subsequently present it to the Board.

c. Conflict of Interest

Board member Leftwich informs that the Board has recently received a memo from the CAO regarding their conflict of interest assessment. The subcommittee will thoroughly review this memo and subsequently provide updates on its findings during an upcoming meeting.

9. **Old Business**

a. Review of Commendation Nominations for Sworn Officers of the Berkeley Police Department

Board members present their commendation nominations for consideration and approval.

Motion to commend Detective Villarroel for demonstrating exceptional valor and bravery. See page 16 of the Supplemental Material “BPD Commendations.”

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion to commend Officers Hunt, Bally, and Ludovico for demonstrating extraordinary compassion, empathy, and kindness. See page 176 of the Supplemental Material “BPD Commendations.”

Moved/Second (Calavita/Moore) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion to commend Officer De Bruin for demonstrating extraordinary compassion empathy, kindness, and performance above and beyond typical duties. See page 14 of the Supplemental Material “BPD Commendations.”

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Moore) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion to commend Officer Jacobs for demonstrating superior handling of a difficult situation and exceptional valor, bravery, or heroism. See page 15 of the Supplemental Material “BPD Commendations.”

Moved/Second (Moore/Wilson) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion to commend Officer Breaux for demonstrating extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness. See page 172 of the Supplemental Material “BPD Commendations.”

Moved/Second (Wilson/Moore) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

10. New Business

- a. Consideration of Cancellation or Rescheduling of July 25th Regular Meeting.

Motion to Cancel the July 25th Regular Meeting of the PAB.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- b. Discussion on the Format of Meeting Minutes and Possible Alternatives.

The PAB discusses the current format of their meeting minutes and provides suggestions to staff regarding formatting.

- c. Discussion on Automated License Plate Readers

The PAB takes public comment on the item. Five members of the public provided public comment. The PAB discusses its stance on the implementation of ALPRs and the proposed policies by the BPD.

Motion to oppose the proposed BPD policies on Automated License Plate Readers in their current form.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion Carried.

Ayes: Calavita, Leftwich, Moore, Wilson.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Harris

Motion to object to the implementation of Automated License Plate Readers within the City of Berkeley.

Moved/Second (Wilson/Moore) Motion Carried.

Ayes: Calavitas, Moore, Wilson.

Noes: Leftwich Abstain: None. Absent: Harris

11. Public Comment

2 Speakers Physically Present

0 Speakers Virtually Present

START OF CLOSED SESSION	
12.	Case Updates Director Aguilar provides the PAB with an update on the ongoing complaints within the ODPA's jurisdiction.
END OF CLOSED SESSION	

13. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)

Chair Moore reports that the PAB was updated on the ongoing complaints within the ODPA's jurisdiction.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Wilson) By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved on: _____

Hansel Aguilar, Commission Secretary: _____

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