

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

(approved)

Wednesday, September 29, 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 7:01 P.M.

Present: Board Member Ismail Ramsey (Chair)

Board Member Michael Chang (Vice-Chair)

Board Member Kitty Calavita Board Member Regina Harris Board Member Juliet Leftwich Board Member Deborah Levine

Board Member Nathan Mizell (arrived 7:42 p.m.)

Board Member John Moore Board Member Cheryl Owens

Absent: None

ODPA Staff: Katherine J. Lee, Interim Director of Police Accountability

BPD Staff: Lt. Dan Montgomery, Lt. Robert Rittenhouse, Prov. Lt. Frank

Landrum, Sgt. Darren Kacalek (BPA), Ofc. Matthew Valle (BPA)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda, as modified to hear Item #10.a. before Item #9.a.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Chang) Motion Carried by general consent

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 4 speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Draft minutes not ready; postponed to the next meeting.)

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Ramsey reported:

- -- Presentation of Interim Regulations to Council was on last night's agenda but postponed. Continued to a special meeting on October 5 at 6:00 p.m.
- -- Fair & Impartial Policing: still trying to figure out overlap between Mayor's Working Group and PAB Subcommittee.

The Chair asked that all meeting participants maintain the same decorum on Zoom as one would at in-person meetings.

6. DIRECTOR OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY'S REPORT

The Interim Director reported:

- -- No new complaints filed since the last meeting.
- -- Officer interviews suspended due to lack of regulations being approved last night.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

- Lt. Montgomery reported on behalf of Interim Chief Louis:
- -- This afternoon, officers pursued a stolen vehicle first spotted by a bike officer. Pursuit onto Highway 24; vehicle crashed and three persons taken into custody; no life-threatening injuries. Vehicle was taken in carjacking and tied to thefts.
- -- Wrapping up officers' attendance LGBTQIA training. All will have been trained as of Sept. 30th.
- -- Current staffing = 154 officers, including 3 in academy and 4 yet to be in academy. Generally 8 15 officers out on injury or leave at any given time. Significant impacts on service delivery and has required forced overtime, resulting in employee exhaustion.

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 In process of scheduling first meeting.
- b. Director Search Have not met yet; waiting to hear from HR Director.
- c. Regulations Next meeting, set for Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m., to be rescheduled.

9. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

a. Hear and consider analysis from City Attorney's Office regarding lawful changes to hearing process to correct imbalances, and obligation to meet and confer over those and other proposed provisions of the Interim Regulations for handling complaints against sworn officer. (Heard following Item #10.a.) The Chair and the Interim Director gave a brief update; item continued to the next meeting.

Motion to suspend the rules and allow public comment now, before training [Item #9.b.], and again after standing rules [Item #9.c.], with individuals allowed to speak during both periods.

Moved/Second (Ramsey/Chang) Motion Carried by general consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 4 speakers.

b. Training: Police Department patrol responsibilities; Field Training Officer program.

Provisional Lt. Landrum made a presentation and answered questions from Board members.

c. Discuss and adopt permanent Standing Rules for the Board's conduct of business.

Discussion held. Interim Director to prepare redlined next draft reflecting discussion, for further consideration at the next meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)

a. Policy complaint – Consider whether to open a review of policies raised in the incident described in a policy complaint (Complaint #7) and, if opened, determine how to proceed.

(Heard following Item #8.) The Complainant made a statement to the Board.

Motion to accept the policy complaint.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion Carried

Ayes: Calavita, Chang, Harris, Leftwich, Levine, Mizell, Moore, Owens, and

Ramsey.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Continued to the next meeting to determine next steps.

b. City Attorney conflict-of-interest issues.

Postponed to the next meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was 1 speaker.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Calavita) By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.