



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
(approved)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR MATTHEWS AT 7:12 P.M.

Present: Commissioner Sahana Matthews (Chair)
Commissioner Gwen Allamby
Commissioner Kitty Calavita
Commissioner George Perezvelez
Commissioner Andrea Prichett
Commissioner Ismail Ramsey
Commissioner Victoria Legg (*temporary*)
Commissioner David Ritchie (*temporary*)
Commissioner Mary Kay Lacey (*temporary*)

Absent: Commissioners Terry Roberts, Michael Sherman, Ari Yampolsky

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer; Byron Norris, PRC Investigator

BPD Staff: Chief Andy Greenwood; Captains Dave Reece, Edward Spiller, and Rico Rolleri; Lieutenants Angela Hawk, Michael Durbin, Daniel Montgomery, and Kevin Schofield; Sergeants Rashawn Cummings; Officer Brandon Smith; Crime Analyst Rita De Lucchi; and Sean Ross (Berkeley Police Association).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was 1 speaker.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Matthews thanked Victoria Legg for her service as a temporary commissioner. Ms. Legg, who announced that today would be her last meeting, expressed pleasure in having served on the commission.

Chair Matthews reported on her “rewarding and enlightening” experience attending the Center for Police Equity (CPE) Conference in Washington, D.C., and thanked the CPE and Chief Greenwood for the opportunity. The conference was a mix of police executives and community advocates coming together to discuss ways to achieve fair & equitable policing. The Chair acknowledged that BPD was singled out during the conference as having one of the lowest rates of bias in the nation.

5. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

One new complaint was filed since the commission last met.

The Deputy City Manager approved funding for one PRC commissioner to attend the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement’s (NACOLE) annual conference in St. Petersburg, Florida, September 30 to October 4, 2018.

PRC Officer Lee will be on vacation from May 17 to May 25; PRC Investigator Norris will fill in for her during this time, including staffing the May 23 commission meeting.

Two Berkeley High School students are filming today’s commission meeting as part of a school project of their Law and Social Justice course.

6. CHIEF OF POLICE’S REPORT

Chief Greenwood forewent his usual report in lieu of the CPE Presentation on today’s agenda. He also pledged to look at the recommendations from the CPE, commissioners, as well as his own department in determining how best to move forward on the community’s concerns about biased policing.

7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON (DISCUSSION & ACTION)

Nomination of George Perezvelez as PRC Vice-Chairperson

(There were no other nominations)

Moved/Seconded (Legg/Calavita) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Matthews, Perezvelez, Prichett, Ramsey, Legg, Ritchie, and Lacey.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Roberts, Sherman, Yampolsky

8. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION & ACTION)

Presentation by the Center for Policing Equity, whose mission is to eliminate bias in policing, on its report analyzing BPD vehicle and pedestrian stops, and use-of-force data. During the two-hour discussion, commissioners consented to suspend the rules to allow members of the public to comment and to pose questions during the presentation.

The presenters were: Kimberly Burke, primary presenter; Krista Dunn, project manager; Chris Burbank, a vice-president of CPE and retired police chief of Salt Lake City, UT; and Jack Glaser, UC Berkeley professor.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.