



Police Review Commission (PRC)

**POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
*(Approved)*

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**  
**7:00 P.M.**

South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY VICE CHAIR PEREZVELEZ AT 7:04 P.M.**

Present: Commissioner George Perezvelez (Vice-Chair)  
Commissioner Gwen Allamby  
Commissioner Kitty Calavita  
Commissioner Andrea Prichett (*arrived 7:32 p.m.*)  
Commissioner Ismail Ramsey  
Commissioner Terry Roberts  
Commissioner Ari Yampolsky (*arrived 7:12 p.m.*)  
  
Commissioner David Ritchie (*temporary*)  
Commissioner Cooper Price (*temporary*)

Absent: Commissioners Michael Sherman, Sahana Matthews (Chair); PRC  
Officer Katherine Lee

PRC Staff: Byron Norris, PRC Investigator

BPD Staff: Chief Andrew Greenwood, Lieutenant Angela Hawk, Sergeant Rashawn  
Cummings

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**The agenda was approved by general consent.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were 4 speakers.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **Motion to approve *Special Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018* as submitted**  
Moved/Seconded (Ritchie/Allamby) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Perezvelez, Ramsey, Yampolsky, Ritchie, and Price.  
Noes: None Abstain: Roberts Absent: Prichett, Matthews, Sherman

b. **Motion to approve *Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2018* as submitted**  
Moved/Seconded (Allamby/Price) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Perezvelez, Ramsey, Yampolsky, Ritchie, and Price.  
Noes: None Abstain: Roberts Absent: Prichett, Matthews, Sherman

#### 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice-Chair Perezvelez reported that he and Chair Matthews met with PRC Officer Lee to prepare the Commission's formal referral to the Council regarding the Commission's ballot measure proposal on restructuring the Commission. He mentioned that a news conference was held today regarding the proposal, and he took issue with a related press release that contained an addendum of statements, which he did not believe were constructive. He urged fellow commissioners to reach out to their councilmembers to answer their questions about the proposal.

#### 6. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

a. Status of complaints; other items.

Mr. Norris reported:

No new complaints were filed since the commission last met.

Ms. Lee will return to the PRC Office Tuesday (May 29).

A Caloca hearing (officer appeal of PRC complaint sustained finding) is scheduled for July 25, 2018; Ms. Lee will represent the Commission.

As of June 30, 2018, the PRC will no longer receive mediation services from the SEEDS (Services That Encourage Effective Dialogue and Solutions) organization, because they have determined that PRC complaints do not fit within the mission and scope of their restorative justice focus. PRC staff will be working to identify organizations or individuals to perform this service.

b. Prioritizing new agenda items (**discussion & action**)  
(This item was not discussed.)

#### 7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Crime, budget, staffing, training updates, and other items.

Chief Greenwood reported:

The department continues to experience a significant personnel shortage; current staffing level is 156.

The Chief returned today from attending the American Society for Evidence-Based Policing conference in Philadelphia; the group's aim to use science to explore and validate strategic initiatives in policing. He attended sessions addressing predictive policing, body-worn cameras, de-escalation, among others.

Last week, the Chief attended the California Police Chiefs Association meetings in Sacramento with state leaders. He attended a meeting about state Senator Skinner's sponsorship of legislation regarding access to police records.

The Chief expressed frustration with the rollout of body worn cameras due to complications with the iPhones to be used in conjunction with the cameras; he expects that the cameras will be operational in the next couple of months.

BPD will staff a table at the Juneteenth event.

Stop data on BPD's website was stale to a change in personnel; the information has been brought up to date.

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (discussion & 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. General Orders C-64, etc. Subcommittee  
Commissioner Calavita was appointed to the subcommittee
- b. Homeless Encampment Subcommittee  
No action taken.
- c. June 20, 2017 Subcommittee  
No action taken.
- d. Commission Reform Subcommittee – possible dissolution

### **Motion to dissolve the Commission Reform Subcommittee**

Moved/Seconded (Roberts/Allamby) **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Perezvelez, Prichett, Ramsey, Roberts, Yampolsky, Ritchie, and Price.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Matthews, Sherman

## **9. NEW BUSINESS (discussion & action)**

Follow-up discussion on report and presentation from Center for Policing Equity at May 9, 2018 Commission meeting.

This item was continued for further discussion and possible action at the next commission meeting. Staff was requested to provide Commissioners with the actions passed by the Council regarding the City's response to the report.

**10. OLD BUSINESS (discussion & action)**

- a. Establish subcommittee or other means to review and make recommendations on Lexipol policies from BPD.

**Motion to create a subcommittee to review, evaluate, compare and make recommendations for amendment, adoption, or rejection of all general orders that BPD is reviewing in light of Lexipol, to include whether use of the Lexipol service by BPD is warranted.**

Moved/Seconded (Ramsey/Ritchie) **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Perezvelez, Prichett, Ramsey, Roberts, Yampolsky, Ritchie, and Price.

Noes: None                      Abstain: None                      Absent: Matthews, Sherman

Commissioners Ramsey, Perezvelez, and Yampolsky were appointed to the subcommittee.

- b. Proposed “Guiding Principles” for PRC adoption and other ideas related to addressing BPD staffing shortage.  
(This item was tabled to the next meeting.)
- c. Assess BPD’s After-Action reporting and response to Public Records Act Request.

**Motion to direct the Chair to work with staff to send a letter to the Chief and the City Manager requesting the After Action Report of 2-18-18 relating to the police action at 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.**

Moved/Seconded (Ritchie/Prichett) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Perezvelez, Prichett, Roberts, and Ritchie

Noes: Price, Ramsey, and Yampolsky

Abstain: None

Absent: Matthews and Sherman

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Attached.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were 3 speakers.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.**