



Police Review Commission (PRC)

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

**Wednesday May 27, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Present: Commissioner Kitty Calavita (Chair)  
Commissioner Nathan Mizell (Vice-Chair)  
Commissioner Gwen Allamby  
Commissioner Michael Chang  
Commissioner Juliet Leftwich  
Commissioner Elisa Mikiten  
Commissioner George Perezvelez

Absent: Commissioner Ismail Ramsey

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the agenda.**

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Calavita) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Allamby, Calavita, Chang, Leftwich, Mikiten, Mizell, Perezvelez.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ramseyj

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were 2 speakers.

**4. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT; CHAIR'S REPORT**

The PRC Officer reported:

-- City staff and City Council continue to work on budget deferrals for next fiscal year, in light of nearly \$28 million anticipated deficit. All departments asked to propose revised budgets showing 10%, 12%, and 15% budget deferrals. PRC cannot achieve that by reducing non-personnel costs alone, so there will be impacts

on staff. Police Dept. faces same problem and will have to reduce both sworn and non-sworn personnel.

-- This year's NACOLE Conference will be held virtually: starting July 20, one webinar per day, up to 4 per week, over 10 weeks. Charges will be per webinar or flat fee for all. Will disseminate info as soon as received and hope can accommodate Commissioners' attendance.

-- PRC Officer attended one of the virtual Mental Health Services Act community input meetings; found it difficult to comment without much background. Might be another community meeting where budget figures are included.

-- At its May 26 meeting, Council postponed action on a contract requiring use of surveillance technology until City Manager returns with an acquisition report and use policy for the technology. Those have to be reviewed by the PRC first; may be scheduled as time-critical item for June 10 meeting.

Chairperson Calavita reported:

-- She intends to write a letter to the City Manager, with a copy to all City Councilmembers, requesting that the PRC be allowed to resume meeting to conduct its regular business.

-- She attended a Zoom meeting of NACOLE members in the region to discuss impact of pandemic on civilian oversight; Berkeley was well-represented.

## **5. REVIEW DRAFT 2019 PRC ANNUAL REPORT**

Discussed. PRC Officer to revise and return for further review.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were 2 speakers.

### ***Closed Session***

Pursuant to the Court's order in *Berkeley Police Association v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 2002 057569, the PRC will recess into closed session to discuss and take action on the following matters:

## **7. CONSIDER WHETHER TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED COMPLAINT IN CASE #2469**

**Motion to deny late-filed complaint.**

Moved/Second (Chang/Perezvelez) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Calavita, Chang, Leftwich, Mikiten, Mizell, Perezvelez.

Noes: Allamby

Abstain: None

Absent: Ramsey

### ***End of Closed Session***

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

The denial of the late-filed complaint was announced.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**