



Police Review Commission (PRC)

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
(approved)

May 20, 2015
7:00 P.M.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY ACTING CHAIR PEREZVELEZ AT 7:09 P.M.

Present: Commissioner George Lippman
Commissioner George Perezvelez (Acting Chair)
Commissioner Ann Rogers (Acting Vice Chair)
Commissioner Michael Sherman
Commissioner Bulmaro Vicente
Commissioner Lowell Finley (*temporary assignment*)

Absent: Commissioners Alison Bernstein and Benjamin Bartlett

PRC Staff: Katherine J. Lee, PRC Officer

BPD Staff: Chief Michael Meehan and Capt. Cynthia Harris (both left 7:45 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by general consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 6, 2015 as submitted.

Moved/Seconded (Finley/Vicente) Motion **Carried**

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Perezvelez, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein

5. PRC OFFICER'S REPORT

No new complaints filed since last week; one rejected for lack of jurisdiction; one is scheduled for mediation; a BOI was held last week and another is scheduled for June 11; 5 cases under active investigation. The annual NACOLE conference will be held in Riverside, CA, October 4-8. Oakland's Citizens Police Review Board is having a community outreach event Wednesday, June 3, from 6 – 8 p.m. The temporary investigator candidate is currently undergoing background check. Meet and confer with the BPA over changes to the Regulations occurred on May 6; next meeting scheduled for May 27.

Chief Meehan reported that the BPD's report on its review of the December 2014 protest response will not be ready for presentation at the PRC's May 27 meeting. He and his staff are now aiming for the June 10 PRC meeting, with the goal of having the report released to commissioners before that date.

6. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Accept the Agreed-Upon Changes to Regulations signed April 15, 2015.

Motion to accept the agreed-upon changes to regulations signed by the BPA and Deputy City Manager on April 15, 2015.

Moved/Seconded (Sherman/Finley) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Perezvelez, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None Abstain: None Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein

7. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)

- a. Policy investigation regarding the events of December 6, 7, and 8, 2014, and Council directive for an investigation into the events of December 6, as both are more fully identified in the regular meeting agenda of February 25, 2015; and including review of mutual aid practices and policies.

- i) Review and discuss relevant evidence, including video evidence.

Motion to send a letter to Chief Meehan, asking that, notwithstanding the delay in presenting the Department's report, he attend the PRC's May 27 meeting to answer questions.

Moved/Seconded (Finley/Lippman) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Finley, Lippman, Rogers, Sherman, and Vicente.

Noes: None Abstain: Perezvelez Absent: Bartlett, Bernstein

- ii) Other discussion and action on investigation.

By general consent, the Commission revised the investigation timeline to show: May 27 – review and discussion of non-video evidence and questions to the Chief; June 3 – identification and discussion of policy recommendations; June 10 – BPD report presentation and questions to the Chief.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved/Seconded (Lippman/Rogers) **Motion carried by general consent.**

Meeting was **adjourned** at 9:54 p.m.