



**Regular Meeting  
Community Police Oversight Commission  
Thursday, March 2, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers, Pasadena City Hall  
100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S249, Pasadena, CA 91101**

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Alexis Abernethy, Florence Annang, Noemi Emeric-Ford, Esprit Loren Jones, Lawrence Lurvey, Donald Matthews, Paula Verrette, Vice Chair Juliana Serrano, Chair Raúl Ibáñez

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioners Phillip Argento, Barbara Stacy

**Staff Present:** Amanda Fowler, Frankie Gudiel

**Others Present:** Richard Rosenthal, Christine Diaz-Herrera

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ibáñez called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Staff (Gudiel) called the roll, and a quorum was established for the Commission.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The following individual(s) provided public comment on items not on the agenda:

- None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING AND FEBRUARY 2, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

Commissioner Lurvey moved, seconded by Chair Ibáñez, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 special meeting and February 2, 2023 regular meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NOES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Abernethy	X			
Annang	X			
Argento			X	
Emeric-Ford	X			
Jones	X			
Lurvey	X			
Matthews	X			
Stacy			X	

Verrette	x			
Vice Chair Serrano	x			
Chair Ibáñez	x			

The following individual(s) provided public comment on this agenda item:

- None

**5. STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

Staff (Fowler) gave an update on the following matters:

- **Live Streaming Meetings and Online Public Comments**

The Commission is now offering virtual public comment via Zoom as well as in-person public comment. Public comments may be given via zoom or in person after filling out the public speaker card online.

The following individual(s) provided public comment on this agenda item:

- None

**6. IPA INFORMATIONAL REPORT AND STATUS UPDATE**

Independent Police Auditor (IPA) Richard Rosenthal made his first in-person appearance and gave a summary of the meetings he attended with various individuals and groups in Pasadena. He gave an overview of his professional career and key experiences. He also gave a status update on his work this month, which included the completion of his review of the use of force investigation and conferring with an external police use of force expert to help finalize his report. He is also collaborating with the Police Department to assess Internal Affairs investigations and monitoring Use-of-Force Board hearings. In the future, he is looking to assess the Police Department’s “Early Warning System,” review the Department’s discipline procedures, and continue collaborating with the Commission and its ad hoc committees.

After discussion, IPA Rosenthal answered the Commission’s questions and gave further insight regarding the Police Department’s complaint process and procedures, developing effective police oversight practices, and the topics within his presentation.

The following individual(s) provided public comment on this agenda item:

- None

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

*Discussion Item*

**7. STATUS UPDATE FROM PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS OF CRITICAL INCIDENTS AND DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR CONDUCTING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS GOING FORWARD**

Pasadena Police Chief Eugene Harris gave a presentation on the Police Department’s Critical Incident Administrative Review process and their reasoning for completing their investigations after the District Attorney’s office completes its investigations. In his presentation, Chief Harris outlined the process and agencies that are or may become involved when investigating critical incidents. He gave further insight into California Government Code 3304, gave examples of when other agencies do their investigations, presented statistics of the completed cases of categorial uses of force investigations by the Department, gave updates on the four pending critical cases, and gave examples of when the Department would expedite their Administrative Review investigations.

After discussion, Chief Harris answered the Commission’s questions, and gave further details on tolling and the investigative process with the assistance of IPA Rosenthal. Commissioners expressed concern over the timeline for completion and the negative effects from the community’s perspective. The Commission and IPA Rosenthal requested that the Police Department work with them to develop a list of criteria to determine when an administrative review would be done concurrently.

The following individual(s) provided public comment on this agenda item:

- Heavenly Hughes

*Action Item*

**8. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

Commission Emeric-Ford gave an update on the work the policy ad hoc committee has done regarding the policies related to shooting at or from a moving vehicle and pointing a firearm at individuals. Commissioner Emeric-Ford recommended continuing the discussion on the policies at a future meeting.

After discussion, Chair Ibáñez moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the work plan updates. The motion passed by the following vote:

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NOES</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Abernethy	x			
Annang	x			
Argento			x	
Emeric-Ford	x			
Jones	x			
Lurvey	x			
Matthews	x			
Stacy			x	
Verrette	x			

Vice Chair Serrano	x			
Chair Ibáñez	x			

The following individual(s) provided public comment on this agenda item:

- None

**9. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING – APRIL 6, 2022**

After discussion, Staff (Fowler) announced that the following item(s) would be planned for future meetings:

- Further updates from the policy ad hoc committee regarding officers shooting at or from a moving vehicle and pointing a firearm at individuals.
- Continued discussion with Chief Harris on the Department’s Administrative Review investigations.

The following individual(s) provided public comment on this agenda item:

- Heavenly Hughes

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ibáñez adjourned the special meeting at 8:59 PM.

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Raúl Ibáñez  
Community Police Oversight Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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Frankie Gudiel  
Recording Secretary