



**Regular Meeting
Community Police Oversight Commission
Thursday, November 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, Lawrence Lurvey, Donald Matthews, Barbara Stacy, Paula Verrette, Chair Esprit Loren Jones

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Phillip Argento and Raúl Ibáñez, Vice Chair Juliana Serrano

Staff Present: Amanda Fowler, Frankie Gudiel

Others Present: Richard Rosenthal (Independent Police Auditor), Anthony R. Taylor (Outside Counsel for the CPOC), Chief Eugene Harris, Lieutenant Keith Gomez, and Sergeant Edgar Sanchez

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 6:03 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

All written correspondence was distributed to the Commission and posted on the Commission's website prior to the meeting. The following individual(s) provided public comment on items not on the agenda:

- None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Verrette moved, seconded by Commissioner Matthews, to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 5, 2023. The motion passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Abernethy	x			
Annang	x			
Argento			x	
Emeric-Ford	x			

Ibáñez			x	
Lurvey	x			
Matthews	x			
Stacy	x			
Verrette	x			
Vice Chair Serrano			x	
Chair Jones	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:

- **CPOC Annual Report**
The Public Safety Committee's October meeting was canceled, but they are scheduled to meet on November 15, 2023 to receive the Commission's Annual Report. Staff will provide further updates to the Commission via email.
- **Recommendations Letter to Chief Harris**
Per the Commission's request, Staff drafted and sent a letter to Chief Harris outlining the recommendations made by the Commission on the FY 2022-23 Work Plan. A response will follow within the coming months.

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 gave a status update on his work this month, which included meeting with each CPOC ad hoc committee to support and assist in their work plan goals, setting up a pretext stop literature review, and discussions regarding the Body Worn Camera policy recommendations. Additionally, he gave an update on his review of OIS and Internal Affairs Cases, plans for his December onsite visit, and other pending projects.

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

- Adriana Bautista

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

7. PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT’S REQUEST TO PURCHASE A CELLULAR SITE SIMULATOR AND RELATED POLICY

Chief Eugene Harris briefly introduced the presenters, Lieutenant Keith Gomez and Sergeant Edgar Sanchez from the Robbery/Homicide Unit. The two officers gave an in-depth presentation on the Cellular Site Simulator technology. They explained how the Police Department uses the technology when borrowed from other police agencies, the scenarios that require its use, applicable policies, and the reason behind its desire to purchase a cellular site simulator.

After the presentation, Lt. Gomez and Sgt. Sanchez addressed the Commission's questions and concerns about the Cellular Site Simulator's use, the proposed policy, procurement process, capabilities, analytics, and other topics discussed in their presentation. Commissioner Matthews stepped away at 7:23 PM and returned at 7:25 PM.

Commissioner Verrette moved, seconded by Chair Jones, to continue the discussion of Item 7 to the December 7th regular meeting and refer the matter to the Technology Ad Hoc Committee to assess and make recommendations on the draft policy. The motion passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Abernethy	x			
Annang	x			
Argento			x	
Emeric-Ford	x			
Ibáñez			x	
Lurvey	x			
Matthews	x			
Stacy	x			
Verrette	x			
Vice Chair Serrano			x	
Chair Jones	x			

All written correspondence was distributed to the Commission and posted on the Commission’s website prior to the meeting. The following individual(s) provided public comment on this agenda item:

- Yadi Younse
- Anonymous
- Tommy Corralez
- Kris Ockershauser
- Adriana Bautista

DISCUSSION ITEM

8. RECEIVE STATUS UPDATE FROM POLICE CHIEF HARRIS ON HIS 180-DAY LEADERSHIP TRANSITION PLAN AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SAME

Chief Eugene Harris gave an update on his 180-day Leadership Transition Plan, which he presented to the Commission at the regular meeting on February 2, 2023. In his update, Chief Harris spoke about the numerous meetings held with various divisions of the Police Department, officer performance evaluations, analyzing policies and procedures, and utilizing community outreach programs. He also spoke on increasing community engagement through public events, youth programs, school visits, and correlating community engagement with officer's performance evaluations.

After discussion, Chief Harris answered the Commission's questions, welcomed their feedback, and listened to their concerns on the topics discussed in his update.

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

- None

INFORMATION ITEM

9. STATEMENT REGARDING CPOC'S PURVIEW AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S GANG VIOLENCE OUTREACH AND INTERRUPTION SERVICES PROGRAM

Principal Administrative Analyst Amanda Fowler gave a brief background of the Gang Violence Outreach and Interruption Services Program and informed the Commission that the program falls out of the Commission's purview based on the City Ordinance. Chief Harris gave a brief statement on supporting the program and its placement in Public Health and clarified that the Police Department does have a role in the program.

After discussion and questions, Outside Council Anthony Taylor informed the Commission that Public Health would not be able to give a presentation on the program to the Commission. Some commissioners expressed their disappointment with the outcome and thanked Chief Harris for his time.

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

- None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

10. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

During discussion, a member from each of the six ad hoc committees summarized their committee's work for the month with assistance from staff (Fowler), which was also summarized in the work plan update document included with the agenda.

Commissioner Lurvey moved, second by Commissioner Matthews to approve the work plan updates. The motion passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Abernethy	x			
Annang	x			

Argento			x	
Emeric-Ford	x			
Ibáñez			x	
Lurvey	x			
Matthews	x			
Stacy	x			
Verrette	x			
Vice Chair Serrano			x	
Chair Jones	x			

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

- None

11. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 2, 2023

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

- Continue the discussion on the draft policy for the Cellular Site Simulator
- Pretext stop methodology
- PPD’s military equipment use policy
- Moving the January meeting from the 4th to the 11th

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

- None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the regular meeting at 9:29 PM.



Esprit Loren Jones
Community Police Oversight Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Frankie Gudiel
Recording Secretary