



Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 4, 2022
6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order (6:30)

Chair Escamilla-Greenwald called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Ignacio Alarcon, Robert Canning (Vice Chair), Cecilia Escamilla Greenwald (Chair), Dillan Horton, Abram Jones, Elaine Kahan, John Myers, Don Sherman

Commissioners Absent: Mary Bliss, Morgan Poindexter

Council Liaisons Present: Mayor Partida, Councilmember Chapman

City Representatives Present: Kelly Stachowicz, Michael Gennaco, Carrie Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Horton moved with second by Canning approval of the agenda as presented.

AYES: Alarcon, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan, Myers, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bliss, Poindexter

1. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons (5 minutes)

- *Introduction of new Alternate member John Myers and Introduction of Commissioners*
- *Mayor Partida - Grant available for training for law enforcement in working with people with autism.*
- *Commissioner correspondence. (Attachments)*
- *Update on City Recruitments*
 - *Jenny Tan, Director of Community Engagement started April 4 to replace Diane Parro*
 - *City is in recruitment process for the director for the new Social Services and Housing department and for the Deputy Police Chief to replace retired Deputy Chief Paul Doroshov*

2. Public Comment

- *Taxi Diva – Interested to learn how many people are unhoused and where they are from.*

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2022 Meeting

Canning moved with second by Jones approval of the minutes from February 7 as presented. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alarcon, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Jones, Kahan, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Myers

ABSENT: Bliss, Poindexter

4. Police Auditor Update

Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco provided an update on Auditor activities to the PAC. Updated complaints caseload to include one new case and anticipates being able to remove one as completed next month.

Public Comment:

- *Lupita Torres – It was three years ago that the YCCC came to the PAC to express concerns. Salute the City of Davis on changes made and investments made to the community with creation of new department and diverting mental health calls.*

5. Regular Items

A. Debrief from Joint Discussion with City Council – *The Commission and the City Council had a joint discussion on March 1. The Commissions discussed the meeting and follow up they would like to pursue.*

Commissioner Comments:

- *Still in formation mode in terms of commission's role and relationship with the police department*
- *Developing process of the commission is tasked with in terms of holding police department accountable.*
- *Good exchange and understanding of responsibilities of the commission*
- *Appreciated opportunity to review the things that the PAC has accomplished over the past couple of years*

Public Comment:

- *None*

B. Mental Health Audit Request – *The Commission discussed the memo provided by the City Attorney related to the request that the Independent Police Auditor undertake an audit on law enforcement response to mental health calls.*

The City is in communication with the IPA to work towards a way of using available information to do an audit as the PAC requested.

Commissioner Comments:

- *Consider that the City attorney may have misunderstood and should re-evaluate their opinion and site cases.*
- *If there was officer misconduct as part of the call, does that information get redacted as well?*
- *What is the case law? Site cases that speak to it.*
- *The interest lies in how the police handle the 5150 call.*
- *Looks forward to finding a path forward and intent to determine a workable solution.*
- *Interested in how long it took officers to arrive, how was call dispatched, was it observation by officer upon arrival, level of courtesy and interaction with individuals, how transport happens*
- *Ways to segregate out the information that IPA needs and information available*
- *Other cities have been able to do similar audits*
- *Core responsibility of the commission, from a policy perspective, to evaluate the information.*
- *Proceed as carefully as possible and make sure to get it right with especially with vulnerable people being served and the need to protect privacy. Complicated issue and don't want to inadvertently infringe on rights of people.*
- *Request to see if someone from City attorney office can come to meeting in May.*

- *Trying to understand how question was raised to City Attorney, prior to memo being created.*
- *Look for close up view as to how police are operating and dealing with these situations.*

Public Comments:

- *Francesca Wright – PAC is asking the right questions to protect the public.*

C. Subcommittee Updates.

1. **Mental Health – Audits** (Bliss, Canning, Escamilla Greenwald, Poindexter) –
No updates in addition to previous discussion
2. **Outreach** (Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Sherman) –
 - a. Local Voices Project
No update or conversation
 - b. 8 Can't Wait Public Workshop
 - c. Bias by Proxy Public Workshop

The Commission discussed the concepts behind the proposed bias by proxy workshop, with suggestions to combine the workshop with information on racial disparity in stops or possibly to not hold a workshop. Some commissioners cited concerns that the bias by proxy concept would make community members feel criticized; others felt it is an important educational opportunity.

It was determined that the Subcommittee would look into issue further to see what to recommend for an outreach event, letting people share their concerns. Broad as possible may be best way to engage the most people. Subcommittee will bring back a plan at a future commission meeting.

Public Comment:

- *Francesca Wright – Address as systemic problem and start with research. Agencies are learning how to respond to calls by asking certain questions. Figure out purpose of outreach message and what PAC wants to communicate out.*
- *Lupita Torres – Survey the public.*

8. 2022 Workplan/Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar

- *Response from City Attorney on Mental Health Audit Memo*
- *Subcommittee update on Outreach*
- *Stachowicz noted that the Council would receive a draft ordinance related to AB481 (use of military equipment) at their April 19 meeting. Commissioners asked whether there was a request for commission input and created a subcommittee of Sherman, Horton and Escamilla-Greenwald to review report and update the Commission at the May meeting.*
- *Look at July and September meetings for reschedule*
 - *Monday, July 11*
 - *September TBD*

Public Comment:

- *None*

9. Adjourn

Horton moves to adjourn at 9:01 with second by Canning. Motion passes unanimously.