



City of Davis
Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 2, 2022

1. Call to Order (6:30)

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

Commissioners Present: Ignacio Alarcon (6:37pm), Mary Bliss, Robert Canning (Vice Chair), Cecilia Escamilla Greenwald (Chair), Dillan Horton, Abram Jones, Elaine Kahan, John Myers, Morgan Poindexter, Don Sherman

Commissioners Absent: None

Council Liaisons Present: Partida (6:45pm)

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alarcon

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- City Council meetings are planned to start back in person on May 10.*
- Introduction of and welcome to new Director of Social Services and Housing Dana Bailey*

4. Public Comment

- None*

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2022 Meeting

Canning moved with second by Horton approval of the minutes from April 4 as presented. The motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. Police Auditor Update

Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco provided an update on Auditor activities to the PAC.

A. Gennaco reviewed the current caseload, which was included in the packet. Additional updates may be provided at the next meeting.

- B. Submitted officer involved shooting write up. Both the Chief and the Attorney have both reviewed and submitted to the City Manager for review.

Public Comments:

- None

7. Regular Items

- A. Update on Mental Health Audit Request –** Staff provided an update on the mental health audit request for information from the PAC to the Independent Police Auditor.

The release of information requested for the mental health audit is still under City attorney review, with a focus on privacy issues for individuals. The Commission asked why other jurisdictions are able to obtain the information, why the City Council has concerns, and why the City Council is discussing the issue. They request that the City Attorney take another look at the subject and requested a timeline on a response from the City attorney.

The Independent Police Auditor stated that on a previous 5150 case, the report was able to be written without identifying names or information. The mental health audit would be strictly to evaluate how the Davis Police Department responded to calls for service.

Public Comment:

- Connor Gorman – Supports having City Attorney part of this conversation at the next meeting. Closed session conversations should be determined.

Canning moved with second by Horton to submit questions regarding this topic (questions above and Commissioner Canning's written questions) to the PAC Council liaison to provide to City Attorney.

Poindexter provides a friendly amendment to request that Council use expertise of IPA Gennaco. Canning and Horton accept friendly amendment.

Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- B. Subcommittee Report on AB 481 and Use of Military Equipment Ordinance –** On April 19, the City Council introduced an ordinance pursuant to AB 481 to provide a process to allow use for specific types of equipment defined as military equipment. The commission subcommittee of Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, and Sherman asked for commission feedback on the proposed ordinance. Commissioner feedback is summarized below:

- *Would like to see a similar process to public hearing process with first and second readings*
- *Concern that enough time to be provided to commission and public for review, with opportunity to ask questions about use and disposal of specific devices*
- *Clarify what ordinance does*
 - *Ordinance identifies pieces of equipment the City has*
 - *If Ordinance adopted, City has approval to use that equipment*
 - *If new equipment is desired, Council needs to approve in public process*

- Ordinance requires an annual, public review that documents what was used and how it was used. Proposed for PAC to be a part of this.

Public Comment:

Connor Gorman – PAC should be involved in review of new items purchased. Review size needs to be manageable. Concern about militarization of police.

Poindexter moved with second by Jones to recommend that Council obtain usage data of each item used and have the Chief provide response prior to approval of ordinance.

Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Horton moves with second by Canning to extend the meeting until 9:00 p.m. Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- C. **Discussion of Outreach Event** – At the April meeting, the commission discussed possible options for an outreach event, including bias by proxy, use of force, racial stops, or a broad outreach meeting. The subcommittee of Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, and Sherman reported out on their recommendations.

- Host a general meeting to elicit feedback from the public with some guiding questions or prompts.
- Hold at Vets or Senior Center
- Wednesday at 6:30
- September 28, October 12 or October 19

Commissioner Comments:

- Supportive and suggests first date might be best for UCD students engagement
- Ask headliner availability
- Bias By Proxy Outreach is more public education – possible partnership with Human Relations Commission

Public Comments:

Connor Gorman – Supports idea of general PAC event with a hybrid option (virtual/in person).

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

- Mental Health Audit follow up
- July meeting will be held on July 11
- Outreach meeting
- September meeting date change due to Labor Day to August 29

9. Adjourn

Horton moves with second by Canning to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.