



**Police Accountability Commission Meeting  
MINUTES  
Monday, July 11, 2022**

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**1. Call to Order (6:30)**

*Chair Escamilla-Greenwald called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.*

*Commissioners Present: Ignacio Alarcon, Mary C. Bliss, Robert Canning (Vice-Chair), Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (Chair), Dillan Horton, Elaine Kahan, Morgan Poindexter, Don Sherman, John Myers arr: 7:35pm*

*Commissioners Absent: Abram Jones*

*Others Present: Kelly Stachowicz, Dana Bailey, Gloria Partida, Josh Chapman*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Horton moved approval of the agenda, with a second by Alarcon. Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Jones, Myers (Alternate)*

**3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons**

*Stachowicz announced that the Council has sworn in Lucas Frerichs as Mayor and Will Arnold as Vice Mayor.*

*Bliss – New book announced for campus community book project: Defund Fear: Safety without Policing, Prisons and Punishment, by Zach Norris. The author will be at the Mondavi Center in February. In addition, the campus is planning to have the Red Door project at Mondavi in November.*

*Canning – UC Davis Chief is incoming president of statewide NAMI California.*

**4. Public Comment**

*No public comment*

**5. Consent Items**

A. Canning moved, with a second by Bliss, approval of the June 6, 2022 minutes. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Jones, Myers (Alternate)*

**6. Police Auditor Update**

A. **Current Caseload** - Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco shared update on current caseload, which includes several 2021 and 2022 cases provided in April of 2022. Noted that two 2020 cases should be wrapped up by late August.

**B. Review of Officer Involved Shooting Report** –*The recommendation coming out of the review is to see whether the mental health clinician coming out of the County could review past contacts with Mr. Gray.*

*Commissioners asked the following questions:*

- *Why wasn't third trigger identified? (Just didn't happen with the chaos but was rectified.)*
- *What was the delay in interviewing officers? (That was West Sacramento not Davis, so nothing Davis can do.)*
- *Why four seconds for last officer to shoot? (Would have liked to have seen officer interviewed about the delay but he is no longer with the department.)*
- *Was time between shooting and medical assistance typical? (Response time was very quick.)*
- *Did Mr. Gray have a knife? (Yes, and he threw some at officers.)*
- *Why do some people not react to Taser as would be expected? (Gennaco explained how Taser works. With a dynamic event, barbs may not strike or thick clothing may prevent.)*
- *How can reports be provided more quickly? (Staff working on it.)*

**C. Review of Allegation of Inappropriate Remark Report** –*No specific comments.*

**Public Comment:**

*No public comments*

**7. Regular Items**

**A. Presentation from Dana Bailey, Director of Department of Social Services and Housing** - *Ms. Bailey shared an overview of her plans for the newly created Department of Social Services and Housing. She has been meeting with stakeholders, and learning about the community. Has been focused on homelessness (respite center, energy of faith based organizations, etc.). Challenges include supply and cost of housing, access to services for severe mental illness/substance abuse disorder, funding sustainability.*

*At the same time there are a lot of opportunities, such as Crisis Now, Care Court, Unite Us, and Cal Aim.*

*Six month plan: Has been listening for first several months, working to hire affordable housing manager. Wants to follow through on housing opportunities and create a data dashboard. Looking to align efforts regarding mental health with County. Also looking to partner with Woodland, West Sacramento, Police Department, and other stakeholders*

*Commissioner Questions Included the Following:*

- *How have social services/housing intersected with law enforcement issues? (Having a good relationship with Police Department helps to ensure that right level of care is deployed in order to address situation.)*
- *How could Care Courts be a helpful tool in Davis? (This is a County level program but Ms. Bailey will need to work to implement details in the City.)*
- *What is the Lived Experience Council? (Helps to know who you are serving in order to provide the right support. Need to establish priorities and agreements.)*

- *Is the Department looking toward shifting away from enforcement and trying to rehabilitate? How specifically are you increasing accesses to services? (Need to win trust to connect people to services. Need to ensure partnership with the County and Police Department and make sure that everyone know what others' roles are. Really wants to focus on data collection.)*
- *What would data system look like? (Housing and Urban Development requires Continuum of Care to have Housing and Management Information System at the County level. Bailey envisioning a local system similar to Unite Us to coordinate information. Also needs a data analyst to work on this information.*

**Public Comment:**

*Connor Gorman: Supportive of ideas, particularly data gathering and including those with lived experience. Important to have non-police interact with most vulnerable.*

- B. Surveillance Technology** - *Commissioner Canning presented his proposal to bring forward a recommendation to the City Council to modify the surveillance technology ordinance to extend the annual review period from 30 to 75 days for the public before the item goes to the City Council. This increases transparency.*

*Bliss suggested appointing a subcommittee early in the year. Expressed interest for more data but less repetitious information. Poindexter suggested staggering reviews and deadlines. Canning further suggested putting together a small group to look at additional issues and having a conversation with Chief Pytel about what would work.*

**Public Comment:**

*Connor Gorman: Agrees with commissioner comments. Also interested in other changes in the future.*

*Canning moved, with a second by Poindexter, to adopt recommendations in the memo to extend review period to 75 days as outlined.*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Jones*

- C. Presentation on Citywide Resident Survey** – *Stachowicz provided an overview of the recent citywide resident survey where a section of the survey dealt with police and policing.*

*Commissioner comments included the following:*

- *Poindexter: what about individuals who are not at all concerned?*
- *Alarcon: What about dimensions of identity (conviction history, socio economic status). Would be interesting to see disaggregated responses.*
- *Sherman: concerns about sample size and whether survey is important*
- *Canning: doesn't believe this is a representative sample of the city. Got 84% registered voters, even though only 2/3 of people registered to vote, so missing people. Slide on ethnicity only adds up to 92%. Says those with four year degree is 55% but American Survey says 75%. Would like to know how many people they talked to in order to get 500 responses. Age brackets: median age is 26 but 51% in survey are over the age of 45. Trying to make generalizations from this survey is a problem. People who don't vote may be alienated so results may be too rosy.*

- *Horton: agrees with concerns from others and many possible errors in sampling. Difficult and concerning to make decisions based on polls like this. Communities most impacted by inefficiencies of policing are not the majority populations, so won't show where problems actually are.*
- *Escamilla-Greenwald – concerned about lack of diversity in respondents.*

**Public Comment:**

*Connor Gorman: Agrees with commissioners regarding perception of crime versus what crime is actually happening. In slide about overall safety, more satisfaction with streets but City spends more trying to fix streets. Increasing police increases crime.*

Bliss moved, seconded by Sherman, to continue meeting to 9:15pm. Motion passed by the following vote:

*AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Myers, Poindexter, Sherman*  
*NOES: None*  
*ABSENT: Jones*

**D. Discussion of Outreach Event –** *Stachowicz explained that September 28 had a majority of commissioners who were not available. The number of commissioners available on October 12 or 19 is the same at seven.*

*Sherman: Dr. Garen Wintemute at UC Davis might be a good featured speaker. Perhaps check with him before deciding on a date.*

**Public Comments:**

*No public comment*

*By consensus, the Commission chose October 19 as the date of the event. The Outreach Subcommittee (Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, and Sherman) will work on this event.*

**E. Update on Mental Health Audit Request –** *Gennaco does not have materials for audit. Stachowicz will follow up.*

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

*Escamilla-Greenwald – Two Black women have contacted her recently saying they had interactions with police that made them feel uncomfortable. One is open to mediation. One is thinking about it. (These are separate referrals.)*

**9. Adjourn**

*Canning moved, with Sherman seconding, to adjourn. Motion passed with the following vote:*

*AYES: Alarcon, Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, Myers, Poindexter, Sherman*  
*NOES: None*  
*ABSENT: Jones*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.*