



**Police Accountability Commission Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Escamilla Greenwald called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Ignacio Alarcon, Robert Canning (Vice-Chair), Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (Chair), Dillan Horton, John Myers, Morgan Poindexter

Commission Members Absent: Mary C. Bliss, Abram Jones, Don Sherman

Others Present: Councilmember Josh Chapman, Councilmember Gloria Partida, Management Analyst Carrie Dyer, Director of Community Engagement Jenny Tan, Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco

2. Approval of Agenda

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

AYES: Alarcon, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Poindexter, Myers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bliss, Jones, Sherman

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Ignacio Alarcon announced he is leaving the city of Davis; this will be his last meeting. He accepted a job in Seattle, Washington.*

4. Public Comment

- USMC/Jeremy Taylor: Issues with police following him. Wasted resources in Police Department.*
- Commissioner Gavin: Comment about incident around Labor Day at apartment complex and young people acting suspiciously. Did not feel the police were helpful.*
- Escamilla-Greenwald reminded the public about the forum and that Michael Gennaco (police auditor) can be reached for public comment.*

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – August 29, 2022 Meeting

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

AYES: Alarcon, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Poindexter, Myers

NOES:

ABSENT: Bliss, Jones, Sherman

6. Police Auditor Update

A. Current Caseload

Gennaco completed the initial review of calls for service or independent action in regards to those with mental health crisis. He is ready to meet with mental health committee to talk about initial findings and provide verbal briefings, with next steps. Should convene soon.

Gennaco will present to City Council on October 18 to give overview on what the IPA has been doing for past two years.

B. Recap of NACOLE Conference (National Association of Citizen Oversight of Law Enforcement)

- *More than 400 attendees at NACOLE*
- *UCD Oversight Group also had members at the Conference (Megan Macklin) and working with Mary Bliss to come up with a panel discussion on regional oversight in Yolo and Sacramento Counties area. Gennaco will be on the panel.*
- *Keynote at the Conference was George Gascon, formerly of the LAPD, then Chief of SFPD, to District Attorney of SF County/City and now elected as District Attorney of LA County. Panels of interest at NACOLE included: prosecuting police officers, the conflict between officers' first amendment rights and what they post on their personal social media, white supremacy and its regulation and a LAPD bomb squad donation that blew up a neighborhood.*
- *Gennaco urged members to attend next year as valuable information and education, including offline discussions.*

QUESTIONS:

- a. How often does NACOLE meet for the conference?*
- b. What does an inappropriate post of a police officer look like and can white supremacists be regulated? (Gennaco mentioned how having the conference in Texas was controversial as many organizations will not allow travel to Texas. In regards to social media, if an officer is on a platform and does not identify as an officer, they have more leeway in regards to what they say online. However, if they do identify themselves as an officer and then say something that is against the code of conduct of the City or police department, then that could lead to an actionable event. The same applies for belonging to a white supremacist group, generally. Depending on the group, it can be harder to take action.)*
- c. Were there any sessions about local sheriffs? (Yes, and oversight of sheriffs is complicated because they are elected.)*
- d. What are issues with officer identification on social media and what constitutes this? Also, what kind of post is 'actionable'? (Gennaco said that much is gray area. The clear bright lines are if the officer says something directly on social media or if they are on social media while at work. Just being a member may be tougher to prosecute. It depends on time, place and manner.)*
- e. Is there discourse about officers not taking action when people want them to, like in Uvalde, Texas at Robb Elementary. (No session about it this year, but it will likely be a presentation next year.)*

Public Comment

- *Francesca Wright: Can police application ask if applicant is racist or member of racist organization to help deter racists? Can Gennaco reiterate or share if it is suitable to review mental health issues?*
- *USMC: The police auditor has not helped me though I have discussed my issues with him.*

- *Commissioner Gavin: For any commissioner interested, the FBI recently prosecuted police officers in San Francisco and documents were leaked. Some comments were misogynistic, homophobic, racist.*

7. Regular Items

A. Final Planning and Preparation for October 19 Public Outreach Event – The Commission is planning a broad community outreach meeting for October 19 at the Veterans Memorial Center. The subcommittee of Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Kahan, and Sherman will report back on additional recommendations and preparations.

- *Commission reviewed draft agenda.*
- *Myers suggested having paper available for people to write down questions for presenters to answer at the end. Myers also liked giving people the option of leaving after the first hour, but if they stay then they can do the breakout sessions.*
- *Councilmember Chapman to possibly attend.*
- *Jenny Tan to help share the word about this meeting to the community.*
- *Alarcon can help get the word out to campus students.*
- *Escamilla-Greenwald shared that the PAC did a ‘Know Your Rights’ session (by Liz Kim) last year and it is still on the City’s PAC webpage, under ‘Meeting Videos’ on September 29, 2021.*
- *Horton mentioned adding slides from PAC’s ‘Know Your Rights’ to the outreach meeting.*
- *Poindexter said that the PAC’s ‘Know Your Rights’ video should be more easily findable and accessible. Staff to look into.*

Public Comment:

- *Commissioner Gavin: Suggested information on ‘Know Your Rights’ like from ACLU or the SF Bar Association, a book for teenagers and adults and what they can request. El Dorado County also did a session on ‘Know Your Rights’. Would like to see information about employment with the police department. Would like to see outreach to high school students and University (email and hard copy) and posting on student bulletin boards on campus.*

B. Update on Mental Health Audit Request – Commission will discuss next steps with the Independent Police Auditor on the mental health audit. (The existing subcommittee is Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Poindexter)

- *Poindexter mentioned that subcommittee would meet soon with Gennaco and go over preliminary findings and go from there.*
- *Gennaco thinks report will be ready to release in late November/early December but will undergo various levels of review first.*

Public Comment:

- *Francesca Wright: Appreciated Dillon’s follow up question to answer how the report unfolded. Asked about the next steps and what the public can learn about or get access to the 5150 calls?*

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

- *UC Davis is hosting the EVOLVE Experience on November 8 and 9 at the Mondavi Center and if Commissioners are interested they should email Carrie Dyer within the next day or so to reserve spots and prevent quorum.*
- *Horton would like to see at a future agenda what the substance of the next audit should be about.*
- *Escamilla-Greenwald would like to see at a future agenda what has happened to the surveillance technology ordinance and if the City Council has reviewed it.*
- *Escamilla-Greenwald to reach out to Jenny Tan on Tuesday regarding marketing on the outreach event; perhaps a press release or DCTV.*
- *Myers mentioned having 'Know Your Rights' booklet from National Lawyers Association, which is available in multiple languages. The Northern CA ACLU also has a mini booklet that should be easy to share at the community meeting.*

Public Comment:

- *Commissioner Gavin would like to comment about the PAC webpage and that the 'Know Your Rights' session under 'Meetings' is hard to find; For Community Outreach Workshop, recommends the public to be given opportunity to share issues they would like the PAC to investigate or learn about. Also provide 'Know Your Rights' for teens.*

9. Adjourn

Canning moved, with a second by Horton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Alarcon, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Poindexter, Myers

NOES:

ABSENT: Bliss, Jones, Sherman

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.