



**City of Davis**  
**Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 3, 2025**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

*Members Present: Mary C. Bliss, Robert Canning (arr: 6:40), Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Elizabeth Griswold (arr. 7:18pm), Dillan Horton (Chair), Don Sherman, Angela Willson (Vice Chair)*

*Others Present: Michael Gennaco, Stephen Connolly, Kelly Stachowicz, Councilmember Gloria Partida*

*Members Absent: None*

*Chairperson Horton called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Escamilla Greenwald moved, with a second by Sherman, approval of the agenda.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Bliss, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Sherman, Willson*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Canning, Griswold*

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

*Stachowicz: City Manager Mike Webb has accepted position as Yolo County Chief Administrative Officer. City Council has appointed Kelly Stachowicz as Interim City Manager starting 3/31/2025. A new staff person will be assigned to work with the PAC.*

*Horton: March is Women's History Month and Ramadan. The City will host a Chavez celebration in the spring. There are concerns about immigration issues in community (understanding that local police do not consider immigration status).*

*Partida: Stressed the importance of communications, particularly in stressful times.*

**4. Public Comment**

*Alan Hirsch: commented on Pitts v. City of Davis case and \$24 million settlement. City failed to keep parks safe and ended Tree Commission. Lobbied its return.*

**5. Consent Calendar**

**A. Commission Minutes January 6, 2025**

*Canning moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, approval of the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Sherman, Willson*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Griswold*

**6. Police Auditor Update**

*Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco: updated case log and added some cases. Currently have 4 taser cases. Completed two investigations and two with the Chief now. In April should have cases to present.*

*Nationally, police departments are dealing with the elimination of diversity, equity, inclusion and the pushback on bias-based policing (and fear of withholding of federal funding). Immigration and its interface with local law enforcement is another struggle nationally, and police chiefs are not sure how to respond. Generally, when another law enforcement agency comes into jurisdiction, there is communication to the host agency, however, departments have concerns about whether or how to collaborate and whether police department will have to be reactive.*

*Questions:*

- Does City receive COPS (federal) funding? (Yes, City has.)*
- What communication does local law enforcement have with ICE? Does ICE communicate before entering jurisdiction? (ICE and other jurisdictions generally communicate to local police that they are in the jurisdiction and explain the general purpose. They are not asking for permission, simply explaining that they will be present.)*

*No Public Comment*

## **7. Regular Items**

### **a. Surveillance Technology**

*Stachowicz: provided overview of surveillance technology review, which includes a summary of all the pieces of surveillance tech available for use by local law enforcement and the statistics provided about the actual use during the review period. Stachowicz noted the new and streamlined format provided by the police chief. The Commission can review this information and make recommendations or provide comments before the item needs to go to the City Council in early June.*

*Individual Questions/Comments:*

- “How used” and “effectiveness” columns are often repetitive. Could they be delineated more?*
- Note policy violations if there were any that we are aware of.*
- Try not to repeat columns.*
- How many cases were forwarded to the District Attorney’s office for prosecution?*
- Comments that City should advertise that CareTrak is available.*
- Based on PAC’s memo to the Council last year, are there ways to make surveillance technology more public?*
- In general, would like to see more data.*
- Just because there are no complaints doesn’t mean people are happy with the use of the equipment. Perhaps public awareness level could be addressed.*
- Some of the equipment is covert so people may not know whether there is a violation or if there is a reason to complain?*

- *PAC should take serious look at potential misuses before offering recommendations.*
- *What kind of training do officers receive on the civil rights and ethics implications related to technology?*
- *General discomfort with so much surveillance by the government.*
- *How does the department decide what equipment to use and when to use it?*

*Overall, Commissioners are comfortable with the streamlined format, but there are areas where they would recommend more data as part of the review.*

*Public Comment:*

*Carole Gavin: Noted national examples of misuse of body camera misuse. Camera should be part of uniform and on.*

**b. Recap of Public Outreach Meeting (Feb 12, Who Are You Gonna Call?)–**

*Event went well, although public turnout was small. Question and answer period was very good, with many questions about homelessness. Maybe be more intentional with invitations in the future to entice more people to the event. Would like more social media presence. Heard a lot of desire for non-law enforcement response to unhoused community. Suggestion to hit the announcement circuits at community meetings in the future to help publicize any outreach events.*

*No public comment.*

**8. Subcommittee Updates –**

**a. Annual Police Auditor Review Subcommittee** (Horton, Sherman, Escamilla-Greenwald)

*No update or public comment. Subcommittee will provide update at a future meeting.*

**9. Long Range Calendar: Upcoming Meeting Dates and/or Potential Agenda Items**

- *Future agenda item: Bliss would like Chief/DPD to talk about data sharing (like West Sac example)*
- *Future agenda item: traffic control policies and procedures. Interest in when officers will conduct traffic control, especially during a traffic light outage situation.*

*Public Comment: Carole Gavin: dangerous situation at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mace after dark with traffic lights were out.*

- *Stachowicz: commissioners previously expressed interest in tours and in ride alongs. If commissioners are interested in one or both, please contact staff. Tours of the department will be done in small groups of 2 or 3.*

**10. Adjournment**

*Canning moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:35pm*