



City of Davis
Police Accountability Commission Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2023
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (6:30)

Chair Canning called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Mary C. Bliss, Robert Canning (Chair), Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (Vice-Chair), Dillan Horton, Logan Legg, John Myers, Don Sherman

Commission Members Absent: None

Others Present: Council Liaison Gloria Partida, Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz, Management Analyst Carrie Dyer, Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco, Police Auditor Associate Teresa Magula

2. Approval of Agenda

Escamilla-Greenwald moved, with a second by Horton, approval of the agenda.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Legg, Myers, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- During the month of March, commissions will be experimenting with different video and audio recording options for commission meetings. Staff will report back to the City Council in April with various options for consideration.*
- Reminder to reach out to networks to encourage participation in commission meetings.*

4. Public Comment

- None*

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2023 Meeting

Sherman moved, with a second by Bliss, approval of the consent calendar.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Legg, Myers, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. Police Auditor Update *Independent Police Auditor Michael Gennaco provided an update on Auditor activities.*

- A. *Current Caseload - Case log has been updated to include six new cases. There has been some movement on the case involving a K-9 bite with the SWAT team. Anticipates a report out in April.*
- B. *Reimagining Public Safety Example from Los Angeles Police Department - Union recommended certain calls typically handled by police be transferred for others to respond, in an effort to have officers focus on more serious crimes.*

Public Comment:

- *Francesca Wright – Suggestion that PAC review the Los Angeles Police Department union recommendation regarding transfer of police calls.*

Commissioner Comments:

- *Observation that traffic stops are often origin of excessive force incidents. Would like to hear the thoughts of IPA and Chief.*
 - *In regards to transferring traffic stops to a non-sworn officer, it is against state law for anyone other than sworn officers to conduct traffic stops.*
- *SB50 update. Are there new provisions?*
 - *Currently prohibits officers from engaging in stops for equipment violations*

7. Regular Items

A. Local Voices Community Outreach Project Update – *Local Voices Representative Anuj Vaidya provided an informational presentation. Local Voices is a Davis-based, community-led project to compile data and testimonials from the community about interactions with law enforcement in the last decade. They offer a range of tools and ways for people to provide their testimonies, experiences and stories. Project goal is to reach communities that are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system and provide them access. Needs ongoing outreach to the community and data collection.*

- *Local Voices is hoping to collaborate with PAC on the project and add two members from PAC to participate.*
 - *Work with PAC and HRC to ensure that data is used and moved forward.*
 - *Data analysis will hopefully take place when they have twenty testimonials.*

Commissioner Comments:

- *Would like to see data*
- *Concern that work of LVP and PAC are competing against each other in terms of taking complaints/concerns.*
- *Narrative LVP data has value and can be complimentary to data collected through DPD and elsewhere.*
- *Consider sending a formal proposal to PAC*
- *Council liaison suggestion to reach out to Civic Arts for a grant as a narrative project involving the cultural component.*

Public Comments:

- None

Horton moves with second by Escamilla-Greenwald to create a subcommittee to work with LVP to help with outreach as it relates to policing. Horton, Legg and Escamilla-Greenwald will be on the subcommittee. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Bliss, Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Legg, Myers, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B. Presentation on Senate Bill 2 (Police Officer Certification) – Commissioner John Myers gave a presentation on SB2, which was signed into law in September 2021 and which outlines police officer certification requirements in California.

- Cannot be a peace officer if convicted of a felony, certification revoked by POST, or if listed in National Decertification Index of the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training
- Certification Program – All officers will have an assigned number that follows them throughout their career.

Comments:

- Decertification is possible if Chief determines that officer has been dishonest. POST can also determine dishonesty.
- Various opportunities for review – through Internal department process or POST review

Public Comment:

- Francesca Wright – Feels reform is happening in state and in Davis. Commends PAC's work.

C. 2023 Audit Subcommittee Update (Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Meyers) – The Audit Subcommittee, looking at police hiring challenges, reported out on their work since the last Commission meeting. The audit may include:

- Review of current hiring practices and best practices in the field
- Review of social media posting by potential officers
- Possible review of hiring by members of the public
- Psych evaluations – who does? How long doing?
- Minority hiring efforts
- Is department happy with results
- How do you weigh success
- Years of experience

Public Comment:

- Francesca Wright – Does the department screen social media content of potential applicants for involvement in White Supremist or other hate groups?

8. Future Agenda Item Requests/Long Range Calendar/2023 Workplan

A. Preparation for April Meeting – Chief Pytel is scheduled to attend the April meeting. In preparation for this, the Commission discussed questions and/or issues they would like for the Chief to address. Items included:

- LAPD Union proposal to shift certain 911 calls out of the police department or for unarmed response
- RIPA data/traffic stop data
 - Officer documents perception on race, age, gender, etc. Is their training on this?
 - When does the clock start on stops? Officer, dispatcher, etc.
 - How does implicit bias affect the stops?
- If other jurisdictions provide mutual aid, who is the lead? Whose protocols and policies are followed?
- Policies and procedures for our department providing investigations for other jurisdictions that have officer involved shootings.
- Relationship between our department and Yolo Sherriff Department – are the changes/reform in the Davis Police Department reflected in the sheriff's department? With UC Davis Police?
- How do officers identify or determine gang relation?
- Long Range:
 - Surveillance Technology Review (April)
 - Chief Pytel (April)
 - Citation prices determined by income – discussion to learn more about legality, etc.

Public Comment:

None

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:39p.m.