



**City of Davis**  
**Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 5, 2024**

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

*Chair Dillan Horton called the meeting to order at 6:36pm*

*Members Present: Robert Canning, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Elizabeth Griswold, Dillan Horton, Don Sherman, John Myers*

*Members Absent: Mary Bliss*

*Others Present: Gloria Partida (Council Liaison), Kelly Stachowicz (Staff Liaison)*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Canning moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, to approve the agenda.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Horton, Myers, Sherman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Bliss*

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

*Stachowicz: Provided update on the Council discussion related to Commission structure and roles. There are no changes proposed to the structure of the PAC.*

*Horton: Announced that February is Black History Month.*

*Escamilla-Greenwald: Requests that the Commission adjourn in memory of Bob Aaronson, former police auditor/ombudsman. Mr. Aaronson passed away in December.*

**4. Public Comment**

*No public comment*

**5. Consent Calendar**

**A. Commission Minutes January 9, 2024**

*Sherman moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, to approve the minutes. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Horton, Myers, Sherman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Bliss*

**6. Police Auditor Update**

**A. Current Caseload Update**

*Gennaco reviewed the case (Davis Allegation that Complainant Forced to Move Vehicle) and noted only issue was that interviewer neglected to record*

*the interview. Other than that the incident was well-handled by the police. Noted that the investigator should make a note that the interview was not recorded.*

**B. Review of Completed Case: Davis Allegation that Complainant Forced to Move Vehicle**

*Gennaco gave update on the draft hiring audit, which has been completed and sent to the Police Chief. Hopes to have a completed report to share with the commission at the next meeting.*

*Gennaco updated the commission on AB 2773 (that officers have to provide a reason why they stop someone before interrogation). Noted that the Police Chief has already implemented policy for law enforcement. Does apply to bicycle and pedestrian stops (any stop where the person is not free to leave)*

**7. Regular Item (Taken in advance of Items 7A and 7B)**

**C. Facial Recognition Information**

*Gennaco: Facial recognition can be an important tool but can also be problematic and lead to false feedback. In general people are not very good at identifying others, particularly in cross-cultural identifications. Some people would argue that facial recognition systems would be more reliable than in-person witnesses. Studies have shown that facial recognition software has same issues as in-person identification, particularly for people of color, possibly because many programmers are not persons of color. Many public agencies don't use facial recognition, but the private sector uses it broadly. China uses it countrywide broadly. Some countries ban its use (European Union countries, England, etc.). Some US federal agencies like FBI use occasionally for information gathering, such as to identify people who stormed capital on January 6. DNA is a more solid way to identify people. Overall facial recognition information gathering is very controversial*

*Commissioner questions/discussion:*

- How many from January 6 are people of color?*
- Has CA legislature proposed any legislation on this? (Not aware of any bills to put limits on facial recognition software)*
- Are there jurisdictions that collect data on facial recognition collection? (not aware of any)*
- SB 50 may be reintroduced in State legislature*
- Concerns about use of this technology and its recognition of women, LGBTQ+ populations, etc. Concern about using in our own law enforcement systems and may want to consider banning, like other communities (Portland ME and Portland OR, San Francisco, etc.) or some type of recommendation to the City Council.*
- Would like to know what information resources are for this topic*

*Gennaco: consider using a recommendation like those for automated license plate readers (ALPRs). Recent court ruling suggests that information cannot be shared with out of state agencies. Consider whether there are practical examples of use of facial recognition.*

*Public Comment:*

- *Evan Wallace: facial recognition on phone user is training on owners own face. Shared other examples of facial technology uses that were problematic.*
- *Grey Crawford: cell phone-based ID. Different technologies have drawbacks and may be problematic for people of color.*
- *Ning Wan: feels women's rights are violated.*

*Commission recessed for 20 minutes.*

**7. Regular Items**

**A. Annual Review of Independent Police Auditor –**

*Canning shared feedback related to police auditor. Overall subcommittee of Canning and Myers are pleased with the work that Auditor Gennaco is doing, including the complaints and audits. Would like to know whether the police department has taken up the recommendations.*

*Commission Questions: are there other areas commission should be working with auditor going forward. Commissioners and Council Liaison thanked Police Auditor Gennaco.*

*Public Comment: None*

*Escamilla-Greenwald moved, with a second by Canning, to forward the review to the City Council. Motion passed by the following vote:  
AYES: Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Horton, Myers, Sherman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Bliss*

**B. Surveillance Technology Policy Subcommittee**

*Canning shared subcommittee's thoughts to request that City create a webpage to share information about surveillance technology. Also suggested affixing a placard with a QR code with the website on the pole where there are cameras to notify public. (See attached memo.)*

*Commission discussed that DJUSD has some cameras up*

*Public Comment:*

*Grey Crawford: in favor of notification about surveillance cameras*

*Canning moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, to approve memo and forward it to the City Council. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Canning, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Horton, Myers, Sherman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Bliss*

**C. Facial recognition information –**  
*See above summary*

**D. Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Study–**

*Commissioner Griswold: shared information about what other organizations did to share RIPA data. Shared Sacramento County data and recommendations specifically. Wanted to highlight how they used the data to think about community safety.*

*It was noted that on p10-11 of statewide RIPA report talked about what LAPD did and the number of stops went down*

*General consensus of the commission is that they would like a Police Department representative to provide an overview of the Davis-specific RIPA data and would like to figure out how to get someone to dig into the Davis RIPA data (expert review).*

*Public Comment: Creighton, UC Davis – ask individuals to research data.*

8. **Subcommittee and Liaison Assignment Updates –** *There were no updates*
- A. Subcommittee on Challenges in Police Hiring Audit – (Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton, Myers)
  - B. Subcommittee on Local Voices Outreach (Escamilla-Greenwald, Horton)
  - C. Outreach Committee Update (Canning, Horton, Sherman)
  - D. Subcommittee on May 2023 Stabbing Questions (Horton)

*Public Comment:*  
*None*

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

*Sherman: would like to add conversation about bicycle safety and would like commission to have liaison to Bicycle Transportation and Street Safety Commission. Horton suggests that he and Sherman go to BTSSC to share concerns about bike safety with them.*

*Commission would like to discuss facial recognition item at a future meeting*

*Sherman: Would like an update from Chief Pytel for Crisis Now and co-responder model.*

*Public Comment: None*

10. **Adjournment**

*Escamilla-Greenwald moved, with a second by Canning to adjourn the meeting in honor of former Police Ombudsman Bob Aaronson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.*