



**City of Davis**  
**Police Accountability Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 7, 2025**

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

*Members Present: Robert Canning, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Dillan Horton (Chair), Don Sherman, Angela Willson (Vice Chair)*

*Others Present: Michael Gennaco, Stephen Connolly, Chief Todd Henry, Deputy Chief Matt Petersen, Carrie Dyer, Barbara Archer, Jenny Tan, Vice Mayor Donna Neville*

*Members Absent: Elizabeth Griswold*

*Chairperson Horton called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Bliss moved; second by Canning; approval of the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Griswold*

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

*No staff or Council announcements; this is Robert Canning's last meeting.*

*Chair Horton noted that April is National Arab American Heritage Month and National Child Prevention Month and World Autism Awareness Day. It's also Alcohol Awareness Month – he said we must be aware of how alcohol use and alcoholism affect public safety.*

*Deputy Chief Petersen is welcomed by the commission.*

**4. Public Comment**

*Alan Hirsch: objected to the words used for his public comment in the draft minutes from May and expressed his concerns about antisemitism. For his 3/3/25 public comment he requested the Commission change the minutes to reflect that he said the Tree Commission was over.*

*Unknown commenter: Asked questions about PD hiring practices, jurisdiction over campus PD, and would like a written inventory of military equipment owned by Davis PD.*

**Consent Calendar**

A. *Commission Minutes March 3, 2025*

*Escamilla-Greenwald moved; second by Sherman; approval of the consent calendar, with the change to the minutes requested by the public commenter. Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Griswold*

## **5. Police Auditor Update**

*Independent Police Auditor representatives Michael Gennaco and Stephen Connolly provided an update on Auditor activities to the PAC, including a review of completed complaint investigations.*

- a. Third Party Complaint Regarding Handling of Arrest*
- b. Complaint Regarding Booking Process at DPD Station*
- c. Current Caselog*

*New Audit – have just started to engage on new audit; Connolly was in town to meet Chief and Deputy Chief; training for new officers discussed; new officers are paired with veteran officers to become acclimated to the city.*

*Completed Reviews (6 a and 6 b) – Connolly: Two complaints were reviewed by the commission.*

*See complaint audit report for specifics.*

*The commission talked about how complaints are categorized and how an annual report of complaints might be helpful to examine trends.*

*Chief Henry discussed how police complaints are categorized and what complaint and training information is on the PD website.*

## **6. Regular Items**

- a. Davis Police Department Internal Affairs Process** – *Police Chief Todd Henry and Deputy Chief Matt Petersen explained the Internal Affairs (professional standards) process in a PowerPoint presentation at the Davis Police Department and answered questions from commissioners.*

*Lt. Dan Beckwith heads up professional standards division that handles all complaints.*

*Chief Henry went over complaint categories, the complaint process, investigative procedures, key elements of investigations, recommending disciplinary action, and investigation findings categories, POST (agency at state level) Certification (SB2) reporting requirements.*

*The commission discussed how complaints are reviewed by the department.*

*Public Comment: Unknown commenter: Asked about POST, availability of PD training to the public and how the auditor is paid.*

**b. Downtown Davis Police Response** –Commissioners asked questions of the Police Chief related to downtown Davis.

Chief Henry presented on how DPD is thinking about this position how the department is conceiving of this position as part of the solution to downtown issues.

Chief Henry said this officer would be connected to the downtown; businesses would know the officer. Residents and businesses miss the bicycle officer.

Public comment: Unknown commenter: Why is only one officer assigned to the downtown?

The commission discussed response time to downtown if the officer needed assistance and how the officer was going to work with community partners.

**c. Data Sharing Program (West Sacramento example) – Justice Counts –**

Chief Henry presented on a free program Justice Counts (DOJ) to funnel DPD data into a public-facing dashboard. Commissioner Bliss brought up another system called Measures for Justice that is available at a cost.

Public comment: none

Horton moves to extend the meeting to 8:50 p.m. Escamilla-Greenwald seconds.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Griswold

**d. Surveillance Technology – Fixed Public Safety Cameras and Automated License Plate Readers** – Commission provided initial comments in March. Commission provided additional comments related to the renewal report.

Public comment: Unknown commenter: does the City participate in FLOC surveillance?

8:35 Mary Bliss departed.

**7. Subcommittee Updates**

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

Subcommittee provided update on their review. Have informational questions about contract timelines and budget. Will forward to Carrie and Barbara.

*Public comment: Unknown commenter: Is this commission subject to Brown Act?  
(Yes)*

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

Commission members asked if there was any timeline for IPA contract renewal. The commission is in July recess in 2025.

*Horton moves to adjourn the meeting to 8:46 p.m. Escamilla-Greenwald seconds.*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Bliss, Griswold*

**9. Adjournment**