

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM

AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION will be held at 6:00 p.m., on TUESDAY, May 2, 2023

Call to Order

Roll Call

Please note that Agenda Items may be reordered during the meeting at the discretion of the body.

1. Special Agenda Items
   1. Discussion of using private email addresses and vote to amend bylaws to prohibit use of private emails by commissioners for any commission related communication.

Discussion of learning about other commissions practices regarding the issue, difficulty accessing emails due to ISD challenges.

Commissioner Palazzolo moves to vote on the language “Commissioners must use email addresses provided by the City of Santa Monica for all commission related business and are expressly prohibited from using any other email accounts.” Seconded by Vice Chair Centeno.

Substitute motion made by Commissioner Miller to table the issue for one month to allow for input from the City Attorney. No second and the motion fails.

Vote on original motion fails, with 5 nos, 3 yeses, and 2 absences

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| Centeno | y |
| Cruz | e |
| Harrington | e |
| McGlaughlin-Basseri | n |
| Miller | n |
| Mohanty | n |
| Palazzolo | y |
| Raman | y |
| Scott | n |
| Stedge-Stroud | n |
| Winnemore |  |

* 1. Discussion of proposal for city funded Brazilian Jujitsu training for SMPD officers and vote to send recommendations report to Council.

Discussion with input from SMPD about current practices and thoughts on recommendations. Vice Chair Centeno votes to send the report to Council with recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Raman. Motion passes unanimously with 2 commissioners absent.

1. Consent Calendar
   1. Approve minutes from February and March meetings.
   2. Motion to approve the minutes from Palazzolo, second by McGlaughlin-Basseri

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| Centeno | y |
| Cruz | Excused absence |
| Harrington | Excused absence |
| McGlaughlin-Basseri | y |
| Miller | abstain |
| Mohanty | n |
| Palazzolo | y |
| Raman | y |
| Scott | abstain |
| Stedge-Stroud | y |
| Winnemore |  |
| Devermont | y |

1. Study Session
2. Continued Items
3. Administrative Proceedings
4. Staff Administrative Items
5. Public Hearing
6. Resolutions
7. Written Communications
8. Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission Member Discussion Items
   1. Discussion of issues surrounding commissioner access to city emails.
   2. Presentation regarding school safety from Commissioner Mohanty

Interest in exploring types of training on social emotional issues SROs receive, learning about wraparound services for youth, school notification systems. Also interested in whether school staff receives de-escalation and breaking up fights and altercations. Lietenant Lucio provided insight on the City’s LEAD program focuses on intervention and prevention strategies to help build leadership and practical skills among the youth they serve. Ana M. Jara.

Chair creates new ad hoc committee for School Security Chaired by Commissioner Mohanty, with members Commissioner Scott and Commissioner McGlaughlin-Basseri.

* 1. Requesting the reimagining public safety committee to evaluate SMPD’s role in addressing those with mental illness in the community and to return to the full commission with a report of recommendations. Commissioner Miller moves to send the issue to the committee, seconded by Commissioner McGlaughlin-Basseri. Motion passes unanimously, with 2 absent commissioners.
  2. Ad Hoc Committee Status Reports
     1. Accountability: Chair, Derek Devermont

Working with Use of Force committee to produce jujitsu report presented this evening. Commissioner Miller requests accountability committee to take a look at the amount of money SMPD spends on settlements or verdicts by population and compare that to what other cities are spending.

* + 1. Protests and Crowd Control: Chair, Dante Harrington
    2. Reimagining Public Safety: Chair, Brian Stedge-Stroud

Have been meeting with subject matter experts exploring pretextual stops and SB 50. Will be hearing from SMPD to explore local data. Following discussions with SMPD the committee will provide a report of recommendations.

* + 1. Use of Force: George Centeno, Derek Devermont

Presented report on jujitsu with accountability committee, explored funding through the education incentive the city offers to staff.

* + 1. Operations, Staffing and Budget: George Centeno
    2. Community Engagement: Chair, Jaime Cruz, Angela Scott

1. Public Input: The Commission will provide time for additional public input on matters within its purview on items that were not on the agenda. State law prohibits the Commission from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda, including issues raised under this agenda item.

Deputy Chief Jacob commits to holding an additional meeting to address OIR recommendations,

Adjournment in honor of Johnie Harold Scott, who peacefully transitioned on March 25, 2023 following a life of exemplary service and contribution to the areas of African studies, writing, television and film. He will be missed.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS:

* Treat everyone courteously
* Listen to others respectfully
* Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints
* Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate

1. Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

WAYS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

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Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

(2) Oral public comment. Persons wishing to address the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission regarding items on the agenda must submit their name and address (optional) to the Commission’s Secretary before the public comment section is opened for that item. Register to speak using the speaker cards prior to the meeting.

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