

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

1685 Main Steet, 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, September 5th, 2023.

Call to Order

Roll Call

**Present:**

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Raman

Commissioner Mohanty

Commissioner Cruz

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Devermont

Commissioner Centeno

Commissioner McGlaughlin-Basseri

Commissioner Palazzolo

Commissioner Winnemore

**Absent:**

Commissioner Stedge-Stroud

Commissioner Harrington

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

1. Special Agenda Items
   1. Swearing in of Derek Devermont and Jaime Cruz, as well as Craig Miller and Joseph Palazzolo

General public comment taken here: interest in pretextual stops and RIPA data follow ups.

* 1. Recognition of Adya Mohanty’s continued role on commission

Discussion of legislative intent with youth seats and whether the rules can be revisited.

* 1. Presentation from Office of Emergency Management: SPIDR Tech Call for Service Notifications

Discussion: turnaround time for updates on investigations in Phase 3 of the project, discussion of length of response time for calls and when calls may be deprioritized due to a higher priority incident.

* 1. Presentation from SMPD regarding purchase of UAS (Drone)

Discussion: use cases for the drone, ability to record audio (not possible but able to project messages via drone), length of time drone can be used without needing to be recharged or replaced.

SMPD requests letter of approval sent to Council. Motion made by Comm. Palazzolo, seconded by Comm. Raman. Motion passes unanimously, letter will be prepared by Chair Devermont and provided in advance of the October Council meeting.

1. Consent Calendar
2. Study Session
3. Continued Items
4. Administrative Proceedings
5. Staff Administrative Items
6. Public Hearing
7. Resolutions
8. Written Communications
9. Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission Member Discussion Items
   1. SMPD Response to Violence against strikers on 8/5/23 at the Fairmont Hotel – postponed to a future date. Discussion regarding commissions ability to address specific incidents.
   2. Discussion of current and prospective committees
      1. Chair is creating a new ad hoc committee to investigate SMPD’s response to a 1990 hate crime involving a mailer on SMMUSD letter head containing rhetoric against Latinos and other ethnic groups with Co- Chairs Cruz and Miller. 1990 Hate Crimes Committee
   3. Ad Hoc Committee Status Reports
      1. Accountability: Chair, Derek Devermont
      2. Protests and Crowd Control: Chair, Dante Harrington
      3. Reimagining Public Safety: Chair, Brian Stedge-Stroud
      4. Use of Force: George Centeno, Derek Devermont

Chair would like the IG to provide a summary of the number of use of force complaints over a 6 month period, the dispositions of those complaints, and any follow up that occurred. Commissioner Centeno moves to give the Use of Force committee access to the IG for the purposes of producing a bi-annual audit of SMPD Use of Force, and to provide a report to the committee in February and August. Commissioner Scott seconds.

Motion passes unanimously with two absences.

* + 1. Operations, Staffing and Budget: George Centeno

Commissioner miller requests additional details regarding the SMPD budget to include comparisons with other city departments regarding raises and other expenditures.

* + 1. Community Engagement: Chair, Jaime Cruz, Angela Scott

Ana Jara of SMPD confirmed to speak regarding the juvenile diversion program at the end of September/early October.

* + 1. School Safety Committee: Chair, Adya Mohanty

Hearing held last month with LA School Police Chief, Chief Zipperman and school safety expert and psychology professor Dr. Michele Ghavami.

Chief Zipperman shared his insight on how LASPD was able to respond to budget cuts and find a way to still maintain the same mission and outcome. He also talked extensively about the success of their student diversion referral program (an alternate to arresting LAUSD students). He also discussed their mental health evaluation team: a partnership between LASPD and School Mental health and criss counseling services to help students and staff suffering with mental health crises. And his presentation also covered their youth engagement programs.

Dr. Ghavami gave her perspective as a psychologist by presenting a study she did on how LASPD officers view their role as a school officer and what their goals are. She gave some policy recommendations as a result of her findings:

She gave training recommendations of including training in child and adolescent development as well as bias reduction training

She also gave policy recommendations on adopting trauma-informed policing, and considering expanding focus on safe passages for students to and from school.

The next two hearings this month are one with SMPD's two school resource officers and another presentation by the Culver City school police department which is closer in size to Santa Monica’s.

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.

Adjournment

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* 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

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