

Regular Meeting Minutes

POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION



*Chair Eunice Russell  
Vice-Chair Brian Brooks  
Commissioner Hanan Gibani  
Commissioner Armando Yanez  
Vacant Commissioner*

**VISION STATEMENT**

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful  
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of  
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

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Tuesday, February 10, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Russell called the Police Oversight Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Yanez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Eunice Russell  
Vice-Chair Brian Brooks  
Commissioner Hanan Gibani  
Commissioner Armando Yanez

Absent: None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Captain Deon Brown, Pomona Police Captain  
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk/Commission Secretary  
Diana Robles, Deputy City Clerk/Commission Secretary

**CONSENT**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the commission members approve the following Police Oversight Commission Meeting minutes:

January 13, 2026

Chair Russell requested clarification and staff advised they would check the meeting recording.

**MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, to continue meeting minutes to the March 10, 2026 meeting.**

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

It is recommended that the commission members select a Chair and Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Brooks nominated Chair Russell to continue as commission chair.

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to select Chair Russell to continue as commission chair.**

Commissioner Gibani nominated Vice-Chair Brooks to remain as commission vice-chair.

**MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to select Vice-Chair Brooks to continue as commission vice-chair.**

3. Report out from PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc Committee

Commissioner Yanez gave a brief update on his meeting with Commissioner Gibani regarding changes to the format of the monthly report and advised he would like it to be discussed at the next commission meeting.

**NO MOTION WAS MADE FOR THIS ITEM.**

4. Review of Annual Report and Approval of Submission to City Council

No comments or edits suggested by the commissioners.

**MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to accept the report and submit to the City Council.**

## 5. Monthly Report(s) from the Police Department

Chair Russell asked questions about receiving sufficient information and what could be added to the monthly report to determine if the inspector general should be tracking a complaint.

Captain Brown and Inspector General (IG) Gennaco responded with information on what is disclosable according to SB1421, which provides transparency for specific types of incidents. IG Gennaco further explained that the commission cannot have access to the actual complaints filed even if the complainant checks a box that says they give permission for the information to be seen by the commission.

Chair Russell asked if the IG can just look at a complaint and let the commission know if it's a matter that the commission should follow through on tracking. The IG explained that their office only reviews the investigation once complete.

Vice-Chair Brooks asked questions about the complaint the commission received regarding the Pomona jail. He recommended the commission have the IG look into this complaint.

Commissioner Gibani commented that the public should come to the commission directly with their complaint because then the commission would be able to see all of the information and decide if they would like the IG to investigate.

Chair Russell gave further comment about the need to bridge the gap in communication between complainants and the commission. The commission cannot provide status to a complainant if the commission doesn't know about the complaint.

Commissioner Yanez recommended using the information given on the monthly report to decide whether or not to allocate resources to the IG for investigation.

Chair Russell asked and Captain Brown answered regarding the delays in investigations.

Commissioner Yanez asked questions about crime statistics and Captain Brown advised he would follow up with the commissioner when he had the answers.

**ITEM WAS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY; NO MOTION WAS MADE.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no speakers for public comment.

### **INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

Inspector General (IG) Gennaco gave a brief update on the recently assigned investigation and advised the City selected an independent investigator to look into this matter.

Chair Russell spoke on the role of the commission and highlighted the section in the

ordinance that speaks to the commission being able to recommend disciplinary action for officers to the City Manager and the Chief of Police to consider before making a final determination. She expressed frustration with the current process as the commission does not have access to an investigation until after it is complete and a disciplinary determination has been made.

The IG answered questions related to this issue and spoke about this particular section of the ordinance as problematic and since he is not the legal advisor he cannot speak to how this conflict can be resolved.

Commissioner Yanez asked questions clarifying what avenues the commission can take and also recommended that the commission still assign investigations to the IG.

Chair Russell expressed hesitancy with continuing to assign work to the IG and use limited resources when the commission can't do anything about the outcome.

Vice-Chair Brooks expressed desire for more information up front on the nature of investigations and gave comments on the role of the commission.

After a thorough discussion between commissioners and the IG about how the commission can fulfill their duties described in the ordinance even though some parts conflict with state law such as the penal code, the commissioners decided to agendize a discussion with legal advisors to get clarity on this issue.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

No communication from staff.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Chair Russell thanked those that attended the first community awareness day and invited people to attend the next event. She also encouraged people to attend the Day of Prayer coming up in March.

Vice-Chair Brooks congratulated Gwendolyn Blume on her appointment to the Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Vice-Chair Brooks moved to receive clarity on the mandates given to the commission via the establishing commission ordinance.

**MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, to agendize discussion item to clarify the commission's authority from the ordinance that created the commission.**

Chair Russell expressed disappointment that the commission was not invited to Chief Ellis' swearing in as president of the LA County Police Chief's Association.

Commissioner Yanez requested agendaizing a report-out from the PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc committee for the meeting in March. He advised he will provide attachments for the agenda packet for the commission's review.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to agendaize a report out from the monthly reports ad hoc committee.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Russell adjourned the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. on February 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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KARLA SHIPMAN  
Assistant City Clerk/Commission  
Secretary to the Police Oversight  
Commission

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EUNICE RUSSELL  
Chair of the Police Oversight  
Commission