

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Special 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.

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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

Vice Chair Brooks 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

Michael Ellis, Pomona Police Chief
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk/Commission Secretary
Diana Robles, Deputy City Clerk/Commission Secretary
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk

CONSENT

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

November 10, 2025

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the meeting minutes of the November 10, 2025 meeting.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Discussion on Community Awareness Day Event and Approval of Dates for Event

Chief Ellis gave four dates and times for the event as recommended by Lt. Brown.

Chair Russell recommended February 18, 2026 from 6-8 p.m. as the first day, and February 7, 2026 from 12-2 p.m. as the second day.

Commissioner Yanez and Commissioner Gibani expressed support for the recommendations made by Chair Russell.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, to select the dates for the Community Awareness Day Event as February 7, 2026 from 12-2 p.m. and as February 18, 2026 from 6-8 p.m.

3. Monthly Report(s) from the Police Department

Chief Ellis gave a brief overview of the reports.

Chair Russell asked questions about the sex trafficking statistics and Chief Ellis answered the questions.

ITEM WAS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY; NO MOTION WAS MADE.

4. Discussion on the Structure of the Monthly PD Reports (Continued)

Commissioner Yanez went over the recommended changes he submitted for the Monthly PD Reports.

Chair Russell asked questions about the recommendations for the community events.

Commissioner Yanez gave clarifications about the data he would be interested seeing in the Monthly PD Reports.

Chief Ellis advised which items PD staff could add to the report and advised that a brief description of each community event could also be included.

Commissioner Yanez requested a summary and staff's takeaway for each community meeting to determine the success.

Commissioner Brooks gave comments about his experiences with attending Area Commander meetings and recommended keeping the reports simple.

Chair Russell expressed support for adding a summary to each community meeting.

Commissioner Gibani recommended attending community meetings to have first-hand experiences.

Commissioners continued to discuss and ask questions about Commissioner Yanez's recommendations.

Chair Russell recommended forming an ad-hoc committee to better establish the purpose of the recommended additional data collection.

ITEM WAS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY; NO MOTION WAS MADE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Speaker Gwendolyn Blume expressed concerns regarding drug and vagrant activity in her neighborhood and gave commendations to PD staff that have assisted in addressing previous concerns.

Public Speaker Donald Jones expressed concerns about the complaint he submitted to PD Internal Affairs.

INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Inspector General Gennaco advised there were no current updates for the Commission.

Chair Russell recommended assigning the complaint as discussed by Public Speaker Donal Jones to Inspector General Gennaco.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to assign Inspector General Gennaco to follow the Internal Affairs complaint as discussed by Public Speaker Jones.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Police Chief Ellis invited folks to attend the upcoming District 6 Area Commander meeting.

Commission Secretary Robles gave an update on the status of the Police Oversight Commission vacancy.

City Clerk Butler wished everyone happy holidays.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Yanez advised he had completed the ride-along with the Pomona Police Department and gave thanks to Officer Ruiz.

Chair Russell invited folks to attend the Day of Prayer and Empowerment at Fountain Church.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, to agendize the establishment of the Monthly Report Ad-hoc Committee for the meeting in January.

Chair Russell gave thanks to staff for their work and wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Gibani asked about getting printed copies of the Commission's flyer and asked questions about the advertising of the Community Awareness Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Russell adjourned the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m. on December 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

DIANA ROBLES
Deputy City Clerk/Commission
Secretary to the Police Oversight
Commission

EUNICE RUSSELL
Chair of the Police Oversight
Commission