

Regular Meeting Minutes

POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION



*Chair Eunice Russell  
Vice-Chair Brian Brooks  
Commissioner Hanan Gibani  
Commissioner Tremale Ratcliffe  
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, April 8, 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 Tremale Ratcliffe (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

Absent: None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ryan Rodriguez, Police Captain  
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk/Commission Secretary  
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk  
Diana Robles, Deputy City Clerk  
Cristina Talley, Talley and Talley Law Firm, Commission Legal Advisor/Staff Liaison

## **CONSENT**

### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

February 11, 2025- Revised  
March 11, 2025

**MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the February 11, 2025 revised meeting minutes and the March 11, 2025 meeting minutes.**

## **DISCUSSION**

### 2. Assigning Commissioner to Fill a Vacancy on each of the Following Ad-Hoc Committees: Use of Force Policy Review, Annual Report, and Community Awareness Day

After discussion, the commissioners agreed to continue this item.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to continue this item to the May commission meeting.**

### 3. Internal Investigation Review; Inspector General Report

Stephen Connolly from the OIR Group gave an overview of their report on the police department's investigation and the recommendations the OIR Group made to the Chief.

Commissioners asked questions regarding the report. Mr. Connolly and Captain Rodriguez answered questions.

Chair Russell gave comments suggesting additional context was needed in the report, gave examples of what to include in future reports and asked questions.

Commissioner Gibani and Commissioner Ratcliffe asked further questions about the report.

**This item was for discussion only so no official action was taken.**

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

Chair Russell, Commissioner Ratcliffe, and Commissioner Gibani asked questions about the report.

Captain Rodriguez answered their questions.

Chair Russell commented on the open investigations list and asked how the commission could receive more information about these in order to discuss whether the commission could pull these for review by the inspector general. Ms. Talley advised there is a confidentiality issue and she would have an internal conversation with the Chief and Inspector general to see if more information could be added to the report.

Chair Russell requested the report show the statistics from the same month last year (i.e. March 2024 to March 2025) instead of December for year end statistics. Commissioners expressed support for that change and Captain Rodriguez advised that will be changed for next month's report.

**This item was for discussion only so no official action was taken.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public speakers.

### **INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

The Inspector General indicated that their discussion item report was the only communication they had for this meeting.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Captain Rodriguez reported on two female police officers that recently received awards.

Corporal Jacqueline Smith received the US Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Award for her contributions on a complex human trafficking case to led to a federal life sentence for a trafficker.

K9 Officer Yasmin Rodriguez received the 2025 Ontario Elks Officer of the Year.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Chair Russell advised she had met with Lt. Brown regarding the Community Awareness event and would be meeting with him again. She noted the budget challenges the City is facing and is hoping to utilize existing police department programs

Commissioner Ratcliffe reported he had participated in Neighborhood Watch meetings and encouraged people there to attend commission meetings. He suggested exit interviews for the commissioners whose term has ended to improve on the experience for future commissioners. He requested a presentation from the fire department regarding arson crimes.

Chair Russell encouraged the commissioners whose term will be expiring in October to reapply.

Commission Secretary Shipman reviewed items for May's agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. on April 8, 2025.

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