

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

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.*

Tuesday, March 11, 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. Chair Russell advised that Eric Vasquez had resigned from the Police Oversight Commission.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Eunice Russell
Vice-Chair Brian Brooks
Commissioner Tremale Ratcliffe
Commissioner Hanan Gibani

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Ellis, Chief of Police
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

Chair Russell requested corrections on the comments she had made during Discussion Item No. 4 Pomona Police Monthly Reports.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE, CARRIED 4-0, to continue the February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes to the next Police Oversight Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION

2. Code Compliance Division Presentation

Development Services Director Betty Donovanik introduced Code Compliance Division Manager J.D. Whitaker to give the staff presentation.

CCD Manager J.D. Whitaker gave the staff presentation.

After the presentation, the commissioners asked various questions about the work of Code Compliance.

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

3. Monthly Report(s) from the Police Department.

Chief Ellis commented on the new human trafficking statistics that had been added to the report per the Commission's request.

Chair Russell and Commissioner Ratcliffe asked questions about the report.

Chief Ellis answered their questions.

Chair Russell expressed gratitude to the Police Department Staff that puts together the monthly reports, and asked if it was possible to see where the crimes listed on the report were occurring.

Chief Ellis advised people can see it by visiting [crimemapping.com](https://www.crimemapping.com)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers.

INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Inspector General Michael Gennaco gave an update regarding an allegation of excessive force. Inspector General Gennaco advised his office received a copy of the investigation of the allegation last month, reviewed it and wrote up a summary of it. The draft summary is under review with Chief Ellis. Once Chief Ellis has finished reviewing it, Inspector General Gennaco would be able to present it to the commissioners.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Chief Ellis advised the footage of the officer involved shooting that occurred last month would become available to the commissioners later in the week and released to the public soon.

Commission Secretary Robles advised there was a vacancy on the Police Oversight Commission due to the resignation of Eric Vasquez. The vacancy would be advertised on the City's website, and through the City Manager's weekly report. Commission Secretary Robles advised more updates regarding the appointment process would be made available as staff received direction from the Mayor.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Chair Russell advised there would be a community meeting in Ganesha Park. Chair Russell also advised the resignation of Eric Vasquez created vacancies on the ad hoc committees of the Police Oversight Commission and requested direction from staff regarding next steps.

Legal Advisor Talley recommended the commission agendaize the filling of the vacancies on those ad hoc committees.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, to agendaize appointing a commissioner to fill a vacancy on each of the following ad-hoc committees: Use of Force Policy Review, Annual Report and Community Awareness Day.

Commission Secretary Robles reviewed items for April's agenda.

Commissioner Gibani stated Chief Ellis had previously provided the link to access the crime map website via email.

Commissioner Ratcliffe expressed gratitude to Code Compliance staff for their presentation and stated he looked forward to working with them in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

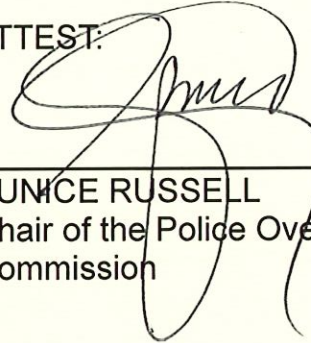
Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. on March 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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

ATTEST:



EUNICE RUSSELL
Chair of the Police Oversight
Commission