

Regular Meeting Minutes

POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION



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

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, April 14, 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

Vice Chair Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Eunice Russell
Vice-Chair Brian Brooks
Commissioner Armando Yanez
Commissioner Monica Canales

Absent: Commissioner Hanan Gibani

STAFF PRESENT

Ryan Rodriguez, Pomona Police Captain
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
- February 10, 2026 - Revised
- March 10, 2026

Chair Russell stated the January meeting minutes were changed but were not labelled as revised.

Commission Secretary Robles advised no changes were made to the January meeting minutes.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0 (COMMISSIONER GIBANI ABSENT), to continue the January 13th, 2026 meeting minutes to the next meeting and approve the February 10th, 2026 Revised meeting minutes and the March 10th, 2026 meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

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

Commissioner Yanez gave a brief summary of the goals of the PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc Committee.

Chair Russell recommended continuing the item since Commissioner Gibani was not present.

Commissioner Yanez advised minor changes were being recommended.

Commissioners asked questions about and discussed the recommended changes to the PD Monthly Reports.

Public Speaker Ivan Hernandez requested more information on the statistics about pre-arrest youth diversion participants be made available on the monthly reports.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0 (COMMISSIONER GIBANI ABSENT), to continue the report out from the PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc Committee to the next meeting.

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

Commissioner Yanez and Chair Russell asked questions about the Monthly Report(s) and Captain Rodriguez and Lt. Scheppmann answered their questions.

NO MOTION WAS MADE FOR THIS ITEM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gwendolyne Blume gave an update on the security concerns at Serenity Villas.

Larry Ortega discussed how collaboration between his neighborhood watch group and the Police Department has reduced crime in the area and asked questions about the use of FLOCK cameras.

Mike Suarez asked questions about the youth diversion program and recommend the City adopt a no-chase policy for high density areas.

INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Stephen Connolly from the Inspector General's office gave a brief overview of the function of the Inspector General and spoke about the status of a pending investigation.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Commission Secretary Robles advised there were no staff communications.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Chair Russell gave a report-out about the Day of Empowerment hosted by the Fountain Church and thanked the Police Department for their participation in the event. Chair Russell recommended posting Police Department presentations online for them to be readily available to the public. Chair Russell requested a discussion about the camera systems used throughout the City.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CANALES, CARRIED 3-1 (VICE CHAIR BROOKS OPPOSED, COMMISSIONER GIBANI ABSENT), to agendaize for the May 12, 2026 meeting a discussion about the camera systems used in the City by the Pomona Police Department.

Chair Russell requested an update regarding the status of updating the police policy manual. Chair Russell requested a copy of the contract between the City and the Inspector General, and a copy of the contract between the City and the newly assigned counsel for the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Russell adjourned the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. on April 14, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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

EUNICE RUSSELL
Chair of the Police Oversight
Commission