City of Pomona

Regular Meeting Minutes

POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION



Chair Eunice Russell Vice-Chair Brian Brooks Commissioner Hanan Gibani Commissioner Tremale Ratcliffe Commissioner Armando Yanez

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, October 14, 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

Commissioner Yanez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Eunice Russell

Vice-Chair Brian Brooks

Commissioner Hanan Gibani (arrived at 6:34 p.m. after the roll call)

Commissioner Tremale Ratcliffe Commissioner Armando Yanez

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Ryan Rodriguez, Police Captain Diana Robles, Deputy City Clerk/Commission Secretary Cristina Talley, Talley and Talley Law Firm, Commission Legal Advisor/Staff Liaison 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:

September 9, 2025

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE, CARRIED 4-0 (COMMISSIONER YANEZ ABSTAINED, COMMISSIONER GIBANI ABSENT), to approve the meeting minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting.

DISCUSSION

2. Monthly Report(s) from the Police Department

Commissioner Ratcliffe commended Lt. Bostrom for a successful District 3 Area Commander meeting.

Chair Russell gave thanks to Lt. Bostrom, Lt. Brown and all PD staff involved in creating the monthly PD reports and discussed a conversation with Pomona Police Chief Michael Ellis about the reports. Chair Russell requested a ledger be added to the reports.

Commissioner Ratcliffe asked if future reports could include the number of calls for service in each district.

Commissioners had further questions about the different statistics in the monthly reports and discussed various concerns about human trafficking crimes.

ITEM WAS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY; NO MOTION WAS MADE.

3. Discussion on the structure of the Monthly PD Reports

Chair Russell discussed the need for the commissioners to link the report of complaints to ongoing use of force investigations and suggested continuing the item to include Chief Ellis in the discussion.

Commissioner Ratcliffe asked questions about the item.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 5-0 (COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE ABSTAINED), to continue the discussion on the structure of the Monthly PD reports to the next Police Oversight Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Speaker Gwendolyn Blume, Serenity Villas Senior Advocacy Group, gave an update on incidents occurring at Serenity Villas and discussed safety concerns in her neighborhood.

INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION

There was no reportable action as both Inspector General Michael Gennaco and associate Stephen Connolly were not present.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Clerk Butler discussed the commission advertisement in the City's Winter Recreation Guide, reminded commissioners about the Form 700, advised of a proposed future Brown Act Training for commissioners, and stated the Downtown Pomona District would be reaching out to invite all commissioners to participate in the upcoming Downtown Christmas Parade.

Deputy City Clerk Robles requested the Commission consider agendizing for November's meeting the appointing of two commissioners to the Annual Report Ad-hoc committee.

Legal Advisor Talley advised she would no longer be the legal advisor for the Police Oversight Commission.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Ratcliffe gave thanks to the commission and staff for their work and advised this was his last meeting as a commissioner.

Chair Russell thanked Ratcliffe for his participation in the Police Oversight Commission. Chair Russell requested to agendize a discussion about the Community Awareness Day and for the commission to vote on a day to present to the public.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 5-0 (COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE ABSTAINED), to agendize for the next meeting a discussion about the Community Awareness Day.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 5-0 (COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE ABSTAINED), to agendize for the next meeting the establishment of the Annual Report Ad-hoc committee.

Commissioner Ratcliffe requested a brief introduction from Commissioner Yanez.

Commissioner Yanez gave a brief introduction of himself and summarized his personal and professional background.

Chair Russell thanked members of the public for attending the meetings and for being engaged with their neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. on October 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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

EUNICE RUSSELL
Chair of the Police Oversight
Commission