

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, September 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 Tremale Ratcliffe (arrived at 6:31 after the roll call)

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Todd Samuels, Police Captain
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk/Commission Secretary
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:

August 12, 2025

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the meeting minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting.

DISCUSSION

2. Youth Diversion Program Update

Sgt. Jesse Cardenas gave the police department's update on the program. Maurice Autrey from PCS Family Services provided an overview of their partnership with the youth diversion program, the resources they offer and explained their intake and care plan process. Violence Prevention Manager Pedro Payne spoke on City Hall's partnership with this program and the work that the Office of Violence Prevention is doing. Megan McAnderson spoke on wrap around services available through God's Pantry including a reentry process and other community organizations that they work with to provide help to this program.

Commissioners asked various questions to each of the presenters.

Public Speaker Ivan Hernandez spoke on his concerns that the actual number of diversions is 2 out of 57 youth arrests and his concern that the criteria for this program is still being built out. He requested the commissioners read the council resolution and ordinance that created this program to understand the criteria for this program. He questioned what the issue was and where the disconnect on diverting youth was.

Sgt. Cardenas and OVP Manager Payne responded that this program is still a work in progress and they are working to resolve barriers to the diversion process. Sgt. Cardenas also spoke to the efforts to make multiple contacts with youth that are eligible to be diverted.

3. Discussion on Approval of a Commission Brochure

Chair Russell asked Commissioners for feedback on the updates. Commissioners support this version of the brochure. Chair Russell requested to update the website address link to pomona.gov.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the commission brochure content and have staff format it to a trifold version.

4. Discussion to Cancel or Reschedule November Police Oversight Commission Meeting

Commission Secretary Shipman provided alternative dates available for November's meeting to reschedule due to the federal holiday on November 11. The commissioners discussed their preference for dates.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 3-1 (COMMISSIONER RATCLIFFE OPPOSED), to reschedule November's meeting to Monday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Police Captain Samuels and Lieutenant Brown answered questions. Chair Russell asked questions about how the report could help the commissioners better track certain cases, as in adding the stage that the investigation is in, and requested alerts for other types of complaints besides the alerts they already receive from the Chief. Vice-Chair Brooks asked questions about learning more outcomes of the complaints that are closed. Captain Samuels and Lieutenant Brown advised they would discuss these issues with Chief Ellis.

Public speaker Mayra Langerica began to speak about her personal concern but Chair Russell advised her to give her comment during the Public Comment portion of the meeting as her concern did not relate to the monthly reports item.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayra Langerica discussed ongoing issues with the City and the Humane Society regarding her dogs being taken away.

Gwendolyn Blume, Serenity Villas Senior Advocacy Group, gave an update on incidents occurring at Serenity Villas, indicated that there is a new property manager, and thanked the police department for their responsiveness.

INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Russell asked for more information in future inspector general reports that would connect the investigation their office was looking into with the monthly report from the police department so that the commission could better track which investigations had been assigned to the inspector general's office.

After discussion between the Chair and Mr. Gennaco, it was agreed that additional information, such as the complaint date, would be added to the summary reports from the inspector general's office.

Mr. Gennaco gave a summary of the outcome of an investigation regarding a reckless driving complaint submitted.

Mr. Gennaco answered questions about the investigation from Commissioner Ratcliffe.

Commissioner Ratcliffe requested the commission be able to see an example of a closing letter sent to complainants. Mr. Gennaco advised he will discuss this with the Chief and legal advisor.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Commission Secretary Robles gave an update on the status of filling the commission vacancy and advised that staff are waiting on direction from the city manager's office to see when the vacancy approval will return to the city council for approval. She advised that it is City policy to accept commission applications even if there is not an active recruitment.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Ratcliffe attended the District 2 Area Commander meeting, reported that it was well attended, and thanked the officers for hosting the meeting.

Chair Russell requested to agendize a discussion about the monthly report and identifying types of complaints to track.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, to add to next month's agenda a discussion about the monthly report and adding information to track types of complaints.

Chair Russell reported that she will be speaking about how to take a case to court at the San Bernardino Law Library on October 1 and invited all to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. on September 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

KARLA SHIPMAN
Assistant City Clerk/Commission
Secretary to the Police Oversight
Commission

EUNICE RUSSELL
Chair of the Police Oversight
Commission