

# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Special Meeting Minutes

### POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION



*Chair Eunice Russell  
Vice-Chair Brian Brooks  
Commissioner Hanan Gibani  
Commissioner Armando Yanez  
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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Monday, November 10, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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#### **6:30 P.M. Council Chambers**

#### **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  
Commissioner Armando Yanez

Absent: None

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Ryan Rodriguez, Police Captain  
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk/Commission Secretary  
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:

October 14, 2025

**MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the meeting minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting.**

**DISCUSSION**

## 2. Establishment of Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee

**MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, CARRIED 4-0, to establish an ad hoc committee to work on the annual report.**

Commissioners discussed who would be on this committee.

**MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to designate Chair Russell and Commissioner Yanez as the members of the annual report ad hoc committee.**

## 3. Discussion on Community Awareness Day Event

Lt. Brown provided an update on the details of this event including the location, the purpose, and the topics to be discussed. He advised the Internal Affairs unit and Community Programs unit will be the presenters. There will be two meetings initially and dates are yet to be determined. The PowerPoint presentation for this event is still under review by the Chief.

Chair Russell provided some background on how this idea has developed and the purpose for the community.

Commissioner Yanez inquired if the presentation could be recorded to reach a larger audience and was told that this is a consideration but requires a discussion with the city manager.

**MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, CARRIED 4-0, to continue this item to the next Police Oversight Commission meeting to finalize details and set the dates for the events.**

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

Chair Russell asked about how repeated “not sustained” outcomes for an officer are handled and Captain Rodriguez advised that these are tracked and flagged.

Chair Russell asked if the commission could request to get a copy of the letter sent to complainants on completed investigations and Captain Rodriguez advised he would check with Chief Ellis.

Commissioner Yanez asked and Captain Rodriguez explained the timeline and prioritization process as to why some older investigations were still labeled as being in the initial phase. Captain Rodriguez advised that the one year expiration date is always met. Commissioner Yanez asked that the initial contact to complainant be noted somehow on the monthly report so the public can see that the complaint is being handled.

Chair Russell commented on the report statistics and expressed concerns about sex trafficking that has moved off Holt and into the neighborhoods. She asked to have further conversation at a future meeting.

#### **ITEM WAS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY; NO MOTION WAS MADE.**

#### 5. Discussion on the structure of the Monthly PD Reports (continued)

Commissioner Yanez inquired if the initiatives, programs, strategies, and goals of the police department could somehow be included to align with the statistics in the report to show that what the police department is doing in the field results in a reduction in crime. He also asked about diversion and wanting a more complete picture of what the department is working towards.

Chair Russell asked Commissioner Yanez if he has suggestions for the report and after discussion the commission decided that members of the commission can submit a form to staff with their suggestions for the monthly report to be included with the agenda materials and discussed at the next meeting.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, SECOND BY CHAIR RUSSELL, CARRIED 4-0, to continue the discussion on the structure of the Monthly PD reports to the next Police Oversight Commission meeting.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Speaker Roberto Herrera expressed frustration about the Allegro Villas HOA and neighborhood watch group harassing him and his mother. He said that the Pomona police department refused to take his reports and are colluding with the HOA. He has filed two internal affairs complaints and expressed fear of a sergeant. He asked the commission for help as the complaints are just sitting and he needs resolution.

Chair Russell asked Mr. Herrera for the dates of his complaints so that the commission can look into this. She offered the police department staff to speak with him but he declined.

Public Speaker Donald Jones spoke on documents he has submitted to the City surrounding the reopening of an investigation in October by Pomona Police Department of an incident in August that had already been reviewed and resolved. Mr. Jones said he believed this reinvestigation is retaliatory. He advised the commission that he has sent a copy of his complaint to them and several other departments in the City.

Chair Russell asked staff to forward the complaint to the commission members.

### **INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

Stephen Connolly reported their office has no pending assignments from the commission. Their only recent activity was the required training for Commissioner Yanez.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

There were no communications from staff.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Chair Russell inquired about the registration process for the Downtown Pomona Christmas Parade and City Clerk Rosalia Butler advised the commissioners to contact Councilmember Lorraine Canales. Commissioner Gibani reported she had already signed up and explained the process to the other commissioners.

Chair Russell spoke again on the topic of sex trafficking and the discussion she would like the commission to have surrounding this concern. Staff asked and Chair Russell agreed that they would like a presentation from the S.E.T.T team.

**MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, (COMMISSIONER GIBANI ABSTAINED) to agendize a presentation by the S.E.T.T team on January's Police Oversight Commission meeting.**

Secretary Shipman went over the agenda forecast for December's meeting and advised the commission to forward any draft materials for the monthly report structure discussion item to the city clerk's office by December 2 to include with the posted agenda packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Russell adjourned the special meeting at 7:21 p.m. on November 10, 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