

Regular 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.*

Tuesday, January 13, 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 6:31 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 Armando Yanez

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Michael Ellis, Pomona Police Chief
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk/Commission Secretary
Diana Robles, Deputy 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:

December 9, 2025

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the meeting minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. Overview of the Pomona Police Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking Team

Officer Dejon Miller gave a verbal presentation of the item.

All commissioners asked various questions about the resources and operation of the PD SETT unit and Officer Miller answered their questions.

ITEM WAS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY; NO MOTION WAS MADE.

3. Establishment of PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc Committee

Commissioner Yanez gave an overview of the item to explain why and ad-hoc committee would be needed.

Commissioner Gibani volunteered to be a part of the ad-hoc committee.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, SECOND BY CHAIR RUSSELL, CARRIED 4-0, to create the PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc Committee and appoint Commissioner Yanez and Commissioner Gibani to the PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc Committee.

4. Monthly Report(s) from the Police Department

There were no questions or comments for this item.

ITEM WAS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY; NO MOTION WAS MADE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Speaker Mayra Langarnica discussed past interactions with Code Compliance and Pomona Police.

INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Stephen Connoly confirmed the Inspector General's office was following the investigation that had been assigned to the Inspector General's office last month.

Chair Russell asked about the Police Oversight Commission's ability to weigh in on the department's investigation before a decision is rendered.

Mr. Connoly stated his understanding of the Commission's role is that once the department completes their investigation, it is then provided to the Inspector General's office. The IG's office then prepares a report for the Police Oversight Commission and from there the Commission may make recommendations to the Police Department.

Chair Russell requested that the IG's office and herself research the Commission's role and discuss further at next month's meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Police Chief Ellis announced a promotional process had been completed and introduced Captain Alyssa Bostrom and Captain Deon Brown. Captain Brown would also now be the official PD liaison to the Police Oversight Commission. Lastly, Chief Ellis invited the commissioners to attend the upcoming promotion ceremony.

Commission Secretary Robles recommended agendizing the selection of a Chair and Vice Chair for the meeting in February as is required of every commission per the standard commission by-laws.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Yanez requested agendizing a report-out from the PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc committee for the meeting in February.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0 (COMMISSIONER GIBANI ABSTAINED), to agendize a report-out from the PD Monthly Reports Ad-Hoc committee for the meeting in February.

Chair Russell discussed the need to push the presentation of the Annual Report to City Council to the second meeting in February and would like the Annual Report Ad-hoc committee to present a draft version of the report to the Police Oversight Commission before presenting it to City Council.

Commissioner Gibani expressed support for Chair Russell's recommendation.

City Clerk Butler confirmed the Annual Report presentation scheduled for the January 26, 2026 City Council meeting would be moved and re-scheduled to the February 23, 2026 City Council meeting.

MOTION BY CHAIR RUSSELL, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR BROOKS, CARRIED 4-0, to agendize a review of the draft Annual Report for February’s meeting and schedule the presentation of the Annual Report to City Council on February 23, 2026.

Chair Russell gave an update on the Day of Prayer and Empowerment and discussed the importance of collaborating with neighborhood stakeholders, such as churches, to address sex trafficking crimes.

Commission Secretary Robles asked if the Commission would be agendizing the selection of a Chair and Vice Chair for next month’s meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GIBANI, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER YANEZ, CARRIED 4-0, to agendize the selection of a Chair and Vice Chair for the meeting in February.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Russell adjourned the regular meeting at 7:19 p.m. on January 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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

EUNICE RUSSELL
Chair of the Police Oversight
Commission