



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION  
July 27, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Santa Barbara City Hall, Council Chambers  
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2023, was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Fire & Police Commissioners:

**Commissioners Present:**

Lizzie Rodriguez, Chair  
Linda Dozer, Vice Chair  
Daniel Herlinger, Commissioner  
Gary Hill, Commissioner

**Staff Present:**

Kelly Gordon, Police Chief  
Barbara Andersen, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator  
John S. Doimas, Assistant City Attorney IV  
Kasi Corbett, Commander  
Talhia Dorado, Commission Secretary  
Nicole Grisanti, Commission Secretary  
Joscelyn Martinez, Police Technician, Permits and Licensing

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment received.

**APPROVAL OF MEETINGS FROM MAY 25, 2023, AND JUNE 22, 2023**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Herlinger to approve the May 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Dozer.

**VOTE:** Electronic vote results showed four (4) in favor of approving minutes.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Dozer to approve the June 22, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

**VOTE:** Electronic vote results showed four (4) in favor of approving minutes.

**APPEAL OF THE DENIAL OF BIJAN YAZDANSEPAS' TAXICAB DRIVER RENEWAL APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.29.185**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Hill in support of issuing the taxicab driver permit. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herlinger.

**VOTE:** Electronic vote results showed four (4) in favor of approving the renewal of the taxicab permit.

**OVERVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Santa Barbara City College Professor David Saunders shared an overview of the criminal justice system including addressing some of the important realities and challenges in criminal justice.

Public Comment received.

**SANTA BARBARA FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORTING DATA**

Chief Kelly Gordon and Commander Kasi Corbett of the Police Department spoke on the quarterly reporting of complaints received by the Department as required under the new oversight duties of the Fire and Police Commission.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Rodriguez shared her insights after attending the Coffee with a Cop community event with Commissioner Herlinger and encourages the public to attend future events.

Chair Rodriguez shared that Public Comment was received regarding how the opioid crisis settlement funds will be utilized by the City of Santa Barbara and that it will be discussed at a future Fire and Police Commission meeting.

Chair Rodriguez also reflected on a fundraising event hosted by the Santa Barbara Police Activities League.

Barbara Andersen stated that the special recruitment to fill the unscheduled vacancy on the Fire and Police Commission was initiated by the City Council and that the application deadline is August 17, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.