



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION  
September 28, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Santa Barbara City Hall, Council Chambers  
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023, was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONER**

Aaron Edward Jones took his Oath of Office for Fire and Police Commission.

**ROLL CALL**

Fire & Police Commissioners:

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff Present:

Kelly Gordon, Police Chief  
Barbara Andersen, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator  
John S. Doimas, Assistant City Attorney IV  
Talhia Dorado, Commission Secretary  
Nicole Grisanti, Commission Secretary

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment Received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 24, 2023**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Herlinger to approve the August 24, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

**VOTE:** Electronic vote results showed **4:1**; (4) in favor of approving minutes and (1) abstention.

### **FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

Per the Ordinance assigning new duties and authorities to the Fire and Police Commission, it states [2.09.040 B(9)] that the police monitor role within the City Administrator's Office will coordinate with the Commission to submit an annual report and work-plan to the City Council no later than March 1 of each year. This was the initial review and discussion of the proposed Work Plan for input from all Commissioners.

The Commission proposed that the second priority in the Work Plan regarding review of the complaint process should also include increasing accessibility to complaint forms and strengthening broader community understanding of the complaint process. There was also additional discussion about community engagement and how the Commission can better facilitate it in coordination with City staff.

### **REVIEW OF THE SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT CRITICAL INCIDENT POLICY AND RESPONSE**

Chief Kelly Gordon reviewed the critical incident policy and response for the Santa Barbara Police Department including officer involved shootings or deaths. The Assistant City Attorney IV, John Doimas, Assistant District Attorney, Kelly Duncan, and Department of Justice Special Agent in Charge, John Ainilian spoke on the role of the City Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office, U.S. Department of Justice as well as the Fire and Police Commission in response to such incidents.

### **COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Rodriguez and Commission Herlinger shared their experience attending the Santa Barbara Police Department Pinning and Promotion Ceremony and suggested that the public to attend these events. Chair Rodriguez and Commissioner Jones praised the Police Department for how the recent community demonstration and protest was managed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.