

JULY 9, 2025

REGULAR MEETING, CITY HALL

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Yee, Scott, Elias, Leung, Tekkey, Vice President Benedicto and President Clay

Commissioner Clay welcomed Commissioner Tekkey, Commissioner Tekkey spoke. Chief Yep presented Commissioner Tekkey with Commissioner Star No. 38.

1. Weekly Officer Recognition Certificate
Presentation of an Officer who has gone above and beyond in the performance of their duties.
 - Sergeant Sergio Lopez #4111, Special Investigations Division

Lt. Bassey Obot, Special Investigations Division, spoke about Sgt. Lopez, his background, his work and Sgt. Lopez being a part of the Mayor's Security Detail.

Mayor Lurie spoke about Sgt. Lopez and working along side Sgt. Lopez.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thierry F.: Provided his opinion regarding Mayor's detail.

Name not stated: Provided opinion regarding police brutality and calls for service.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Kline: Spoke about surveillance and censoring, provided handout to Commissioners.

Thierry F.: Provided opinion.

Chris Chisnell: Senior Investigator for DPA. Resident of District 1. Provided support for his DPA colleague that is facing layoff. Continued to speak on the topic of cuts to the DPA.

Alexandra Schulteis: Senior DPA Investigator. Here as a resident of city. Requested attention to the layoffs at DPA.

Terri Torgeson: DPA Investigator. Here in a personal capacity. Provided details regarding staff updates at DPA. Provided support for other investigators regarding layoffs.

Vince Avila: SEIU Shop Steward for DPA. Provided support for a DPA Investigator facing layoff. Provided his background and opinion regarding layoffs at DPA.

Paulette Brown: Spoke of son, Aubrey Abrakasa Jr.'s, murder and unsolved homicides. Asked for support on the anniversary of son's death.

****If anyone has information regarding the murder of Aubrey Abrakasa, please call anonymous .24/7 tip line at 415-575-4444****

3. Consent Calendar (RECEIVE & FILE; ACTION)
 - Police Commission Report of Disciplinary Actions, 2nd Quarter 2025
 - 2024 SFPD Department Awards Certification (June 5, 2025 Panel)
 - Donation of Soft Interview room designed by non-profit organization, Project Beloved, for the San Francisco Police Department, valued at \$2,275.08 *(A soft interview room is a thoughtfully designed space used primarily for interviewing vulnerable individuals-such as children, trauma survivors, or victims of abuse in a way that feels safe, calm, and non-threatening. These rooms are commonly found in child advocacy centers, police stations, social services, and mental health facilities.)*
 - SFPD's and DPA's SB 1421 and SB 16 Monthly Report for June 2025 *Pursuant to the request of the Police Commission, the Department provides this monthly update on the status of Public Record Act Requests received relating to Senate Bill 1421, Peace Officers: release of records. This report is a cumulative record of all requests and the production of documents since SB 1421 became effective on January 1, 2019 and is calculated for a month-over-month comparison*

Motion: Vice President Benedicto. 2nd: Commissioner Leung.7-0.

AYES: Commissioners Yee, Scott, Elias, Leung, Tekkey, Vice President Benedicto and President Clay

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. Adoption of Minutes (ACTION)
- for the Meetings of June 4th, 11th and 18th, 2025

Motion: Vice President Benedicto. 2nd: Commissioner Scott.7-0.

AYES: Commissioners Yee, Scott, Elias, Leung, Tekkey, Vice President Benedicto and President Clay

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Chief's Report

- **Weekly crime trends**
- **Major/Significant Incidents**

Acting Chief Yep, reported on crime trends YTD: Violent Crime down 20 percent; homicide down 29 percent; rape down 28 percent; robbery down 27 percent; assault down 13 percent; human trafficking up 86 percent. Property Crimes down 29 percent; burglary down 25 percent; motor vehicle theft down 44 percent; arson down 24 percent; larceny theft down 26 percent. Gun violence is down 20% compared to 2024; One non-fatal shooting incident this week; total 52 fire-arm related incidents resulting in 63 victims YTD. One homicide for the week; there is a total of 12 homicides YTD with 10 resulting from a firearm; 155% overall clearance.

- **Announced Promotion of Captain Hector Jusino to Commander of Night Investigations, highlighted his responsibilities.**
- **Thanked Commissioner Benedicto and Paulette Brown for attendance at Juneteenth Parade, thanked Officers for Justice organization for allowing him to walk with them at the Juneteenth parade, thanked Pride Alliance and Sergeant Kathryn Winters for attendance and work at Pride Parade, thanked Commissioner Leung for attending Chinese Chamber Board Lunch.**
- **6/25/25 – hosted 28th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run with Sheriff's Office for the Special Olympics**
- **Provided updates to the Commissioners and public from last Commission Meeting:**
 - **Statistics for No Kings Protest for Commissioner Benedicto**
 - **Arrests for shooting incidents for Commissioner Scott**
 - **Station lobby monitors for Ms. Paulette Brown**
 - **June 16th pursuit for Commissioner Benedicto**

Significant Incident: Sideshow activity and Battery incident, 6/21/25, 17:12, Taraval, 42nd Ave and Lawton, approximately 20-40 vehicles, approximately 100 spectators reported to be participating in a sideshow event, reports of fireworks and water balloons thrown at motorists and people in the area, Officers arrived and participants fled in different directions, victim of a physical assault by one of the participants, was able to provide video of the incident, victim treated at scene, further investigation being conducted. Seizure of illegal gambling machines, narcotics and firearm in Tenderloin from a liquor store, 6/24/25, Tenderloin Station and DMACC executed a search warrant, 200 block of Taylor Street, seized items, search came after a month-long investigation into business that was suspected of operating an illegal gambling facility and selling tobacco products without a permit. Homicide, 7/5/25 00:08, 100 block of Harbor, Bayview, several victims located with gunshot wounds, one

homicide, four non-fatal injuries, victims transported, two with life threaten injuries, three with non-life-threatening injuries, one succumbed to injuries, no arrests. 7/5/25, 17:00, Serious traffic collision, Pier 39 garage, motorcycle stopped at a red light and proceed at their green light, a scooter at the same time crossed their red light and was struck by motorcycle and both sustained series injuries and were transported.

Significant arrest: Homicide, 6/21/25 15:58, Bayview, 100 block of Oakdale, Officers located victim suffering from gunshot wounds, victim succumbed at the scene, suspect located and booked. 6/25/25 - 97 arrests made in a one-day fugitive enforcement operation. Hot prowl suspect arrested, series of burglaries cases, 5/28/25 incident date, Officers responded to 1500 block of Funston Ave regarding hot prowl burglary, possible suspect located and detained, due to knowledge of several hot prowl burglaries occurring in the area and surrounding areas, similar M.O., suspect description and video surveillance, probable cause was developed to arrest suspect on multiple counts, through investigation 13 hot prowl burglaries attributed to suspect.

Strategies: Fourth of July, San Francisco Civil Grand Jury Report from May 2024, weaponization of fireworks was addressed, devastating impact to city, potential trauma, damage and injuries, finding no. 4 – if city fails to control the deployment of illegal fireworks in the public’s presence it results in dangerous situations. SFPD prepared for 4th of July, with other agencies, all Officers working, citywide – 47 B Priority explosions, 395 C Priority disturbances, DEM fire calls for service data – 7/4/25, 2130-0000, one working building fire – fireworks related, 25 grassfires, 23 trash fires, 31 other fireworks related calls, 10 fireworks related injuries, one fall from a roof, 5 shooting victims mentioned earlier. Movement of people in and out coordinated well, Mission District intersections were problematic- posed danger to public – 26th St and Treat Ave, fireworks and crowd control, about 150 people were blocking intersection and launching commercial grade, felony violation fireworks, also blocking pedestrian and vehicle traffic, despite repeated warnings crowd did not stop and became hostile towards citizens and police, multiple dispersal orders given via loudspeaker, platoon of Officers – redeployed from other parts of the city- moved towards the crowd, additional fireworks launched at Officers’ platoon, tactical members deployed less than lethal projectiles used to disperse crowd, no reported injuries, force documented and report generated. 21st Street and Bryant Street – 100+ crowd, fireworks and glass bottles thrown at Officers, crowd dispersed after multiple orders, no further action by SFPD. Hampshire and 20th, 00:21, 40-50 people launching fireworks, fireworks and glass bottles thrown at Officers, 18-year-old suspect arrested and rebooked by DA’s Office. Folsom and 26th, 23:30, firearm arrest by Gang Task Force, GTF spotted suspect, suspect fled on foot, foot pursuit occurred, taken into custody on Cesar Chavez Street where Officers located a firearm, narcotics seized.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paulette Brown: Spoke with her homicide investigator, continued to speak on investigation.

8. Search and selection process for Chief of Police (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION) *Update on search and selection process, which may include presentation by representative of the Department of Human Resources on status of solicitation and review of proposals for executive search and recruitment firm.*

DHR’s Carol Isen presented and spoke with Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Name not stated: provided opinion regarding a previous Police Chief, addressed Commission regarding recruitment process to make sure that previous issues aren’t repeated.

DPA Director's Report

- Report on recent DPA activities, and announcement

Executive Director Henderson reported the following: In the year 2025: 496 cases opened; 497 closed; 94 pending; 22 cases sustained; 10 cases past 270-day; 4 cases mediated. SFPD Cases received in the past **weeks (since the last Commission Meeting)**: 66. Central, 7. Southern, 5. Bayview, 6. Mission, 8. Northern, 2. Park, 1. Richmond, 2. Ingleside, 4. Taraval, 0. Tenderloin, 7. Airport, 1. Not Applicable, 8. Out of Jurisdiction, 2. Pending, 13. Allegation Summary: Conduct Unbecoming an Officer The officer behaved or spoke inappropriately-22%. Neglect of Duty The officer failed to take required action- 10%. Neglect of Duty The officer failed to properly investigate- 10%. Unwarranted Action The officer engaged in unwarranted action- 9%. Unwarranted Action The officer conducted an improper search or seizure- 7%.

Audits: The Association of Local Government Auditors featured DPA's audit of SFPD's stop data in its 2025 Summer Quarterly. The edition focuses on "Police and Law Enforcement", and it highlights innovative audits from across the country. DPA's work appears alongside pieces from oversight agencies in Washington, Chicago, Pasadena, and Seattle, covering topics such as body-worn camera compliance, jail conditions, and use-of-force investigations.

Outstanding Issues: Provided update regarding budget issues.

Outreach: Can contact DPA at 415-241-7711. Can be found on community calendar on the DPA's website and posted on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and on DPA's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Commission Reports

- Commission President's Report**
- Commissioners' Reports**
- Commission announcements and scheduling of items identified for consideration at future Commission Meetings**

President Clay: Discussed process for Chief's search. On July 2nd, with Commissioners Yee and Leung, attended swearing in of President for the Chinese Six Companies.

Vice President Benedicto: Welcomed Commissioner Tekkey to the Commission. Attended two parades, Juneteenth and Pride, thanked Officers for Justice. Attended Deputy Chief Raj Vaswani's retirement and wished him well. Spoke to DPA's summer interns. Addressed District Boundary Analysis, tentatively scheduled for next week, thanked all groups working on the boundary analysis. Addressed DPA's role and DPA's layoffs.

Commissioner Elias: Requested Chief to provide update on SFPD layoffs.

Commissioner Yee: Welcomed Commissioner Tekkey and commended her work at Tenderloin Housing Clinic. Thanked Commissioner Leung and President Clay for attending the Chinese Six Companies event. Attended Deputy Chief Vaswani's retirement.

Chief Yep: Acknowledged and responded to some of Commissioners requests, updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

9. Discussion and possible action to approve Department General Order 8.09, "Media Relations" for the Department to use in meeting and conferring with the effected bargaining units as required by law (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION) *The community engagement process does not apply where the Commission is considering policy revisions to existing DGOs to implement Prop E. (S.F. Admin. Code section 96I.1).*

Evan Sernoffsky, SFPD Director of Strategic Communications, presented.

Motion: Vice President Benedicto, with Resolution 23-30. 2nd: Commissioner Scott. 7-0.

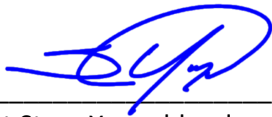
AYES: Commissioners Yee, Scott, Elias, Leung, Tekkey, Vice President Benedicto and President Clay

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT :

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission