

JUNE 18, 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 5:32 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Leung

1. Weekly Officer Recognition Certificate
Presentation of an Officer who has gone above and beyond in the performance of their duties.
 - Sgt. Gordon Lee #1628 - General Work
 - Sgt. Maria Peregrina #2266 - General Work

Lieutenant R. Izaguirre, Officer in Charge of General work, spoke about both Sergeants and commended their work.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

2. Citizen Recognition Award
 - Odette Horsthuis, BSN, RN

Captain Chris Canning and Sergeant Eric Mahoney, Richmond Station, spoke about the incident Nurse Horsthuis assisted with and presented her recognition award.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

3. Presentation on the San Francisco Brown Bombers (DISCUSSION)

Dr. Ranon Ross, President of the San Francisco Brown Bombers, presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Ward Kline: Spoke of surveillance, provided and referred to an email sent.

Ellen Dolese: DPA 8124 Investigator- asked for the Commission's influence, to Mayor's Office and Board of Supervisors, regarding layoffs at DPA.

Terry Torgeson: DPA Investigator, spoke about layoffs at DPA and expressed her concerns.

Candace Carpenter- Senior Investigator at DPA, spoke on the layoffs at DPA, urged Commission to use influence regarding cuts to DPA investigations unit.

Paulette Brown: Spoke of son, Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr's, murder. Provided names of those involved, spoke of her son and his case.

Steve Ball – Senior DPA investigator, at DPA for twenty-two years, expressed dismay with the layoffs at DPA. Requested Commission's influence, if any, towards the budget and cuts.

****Anyone with information regarding the murder of Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr., please call the anonymous tip line at 415-575-4444****

Chief's Report

- **Weekly crime trends**

- **Major/Significant Incidents**

Acting Chief Yep, reported on crime trends YTD: Violent Crime down 18 percent; homicide down 33 percent; rape down 30 percent; robbery down 25 percent; assault down 10 percent; human trafficking up 100 percent. Property Crimes down 29 percent; burglary down 24 percent; motor vehicle theft down 43 percent; arson down 27 percent; larceny theft down 26 percent. Gun violence is down 10% compared to 2024; One non-fatal shooting incident this week; total 47 fire-arm related incidents resulting in 54 victims YTD. No homicides for the week; there is a total of 10 homicides YTD with 8 resulting from a firearm; 160% overall clearance.

-Chief Yep recognized and spoke about the month of Pride.

-Round of promotions with take effect on July 5th – DEPUTY CHIEFS: Derrick J. Lew- Field Operations Bureau, Nicole H. Jones- Administration Bureau, Jason C. Sawyer-Special Operations, Mark Y. Im - Investigations Bureau, Derrick R. Jackson-Airport Bureau, COMMANDERS: Eric Kim - Metro Division Scott B. Biggs - Mid-City Division, Tracy A. McCray - Golden Gate Division, Thomas J. Maguire - Investigations, Brien Hoo- Airport, Luke T. Martin-Special Operations Bureau, Jack Hart - Risk Management- congratulated members.

- June 22nd, Juneteenth Parade.

-Provided update to Commissioners and Paulette Brown, member of the public, regarding their inquiries from the prior meeting.

- Addressed the Immigrant community – committed to building trust.

Significant Incident: Robbery, Central District, 6/13/25 16:13, Grant and Pacific, victim confronted by subject who was able to grab victim's phone, no medical attention required, no arrest made.

Significant arrest: Aggravated assault, hate crime enhancement, 6/14/25 2:22, Fillmore, Northern, Victim and acquaintance waiting for Uber, six subjects approached yelling inflammatory slurs at them, acquaintance asked the group to stop yelling slurs, when victim and acquaintance attempted to walk away subject punched the victim causing the victim to fall to the sidewalk, acquaintance also fell alongside as they were holding hands, victim injured from assault and required transport, second victim working near area intervened and second victim also attacked, minor injuries, three of the six subjects located, one subject arrested and booked, other cited for assault. Hit and run vehicle v pedestrian incident, also an aggravated assault and elder abuse case, 6/14/25 12:24, Duboce and Guerrero, traffic collision, vehicle fled area, vehicle located at 21st and Mission, suspect driver detained, pedestrian transported with non-life-threatening injuries, driver arrested, charges pending, isolated incident. Aggravated assault, 6/16/25, 01:24, Van Ness and Post, subject struck victim with flashlight during verbal dispute, caused injuries, arrest made. Stolen vehicle pursuit injury collision, 6/16/25 01:56, Sutter and Trinity, flock cameras spotted vehicle at 6th and Bryant, after confirming vehicle stolen, description broadcasted, Officers attempted to stop vehicle, resulted in brief pursuit, ended when suspect vehicle crashed into an unoccupied vehicle, two occupants of stolen vehicle transported for medical treatment, pending charges for driver.

Strategies: Stunt driving activities, night of June 14th into June 15th, information received of possible activity to set up in the city, plan developed by Stunt Driving Response Unit, around 23:30 large group reported to be in West Oakland, approximately 200 vehicles were on the Bay Bridge traveling into the city towards the 100 block of Mendell, Stunt Driving Response Unit activated and waiting in area when vehicles arrived, units followed and guided vehicles back to I80 eastbound.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paulette Brown: Spoke on her experience at the Sojourn Trip. Spoke about Board of Supervisors

Meeting, on the 17th, questioned funding cuts. Agreed with more women
Joe Rodriguez: Reporter for SF Standard, President of Society of Journalists-Northern California chapter. Spoke about experiences for reporters during the protests. Thanked Chief Yep for opening dialogue on this topic, journalists' access during the protests.
Ginny LaRoe- First Amendment Coalition, spoke about press rights protection, addressed Chief Yep regarding meeting and discussing press access to protests.

DPA Director's Report

- Report on recent DPA activities, and announcement

Executive Director Henderson reported the following: In the year 2025: 423 cases opened; 432 closed; 99 pending; 20 cases sustained; 15 cases past 270-day; 3 cases mediated. SFPD Cases received in the past **weeks (since the last Commission Meeting)**: 17. Central, 1. Southern, 3. Bayview, 1. Mission, 3. Northern, 0. Park, 1. Richmond, 0. Ingleside, 1. Taraval, 1. Tenderloin, 4. Airport, 0. Not Applicable, 1. Out of Jurisdiction, 0. Pending, 1. Allegation Summary: Neglect of Duty The officer failed to take required action-27%. Use of Force-The officer used unnecessary or excessive force-18%. Neglect of Duty-The officer failed to write an incident report-13%. Conduct Unbecoming an Officer- The officer behaved or spoke inappropriately-9%.

Audits: DPA's use-of-force audit is in progress. Are evaluating the effectiveness of SFPD's processes for monitoring use-of-force incidents. The audit will specifically examine the supervisor evaluation process and how SFPD uses use-of-force data to identify and address training needs

Outstanding Issues: The Controller's Office is following up with SFPD on the status of recommendations from DPA's 2023 audit on officer misconduct. The Controller's Office is currently reviewing SFPD's response to the initial information request.
Director Henderson Acknowledged DPA Staff and their concerns regarding budget and cuts.

Outreach: DPA's summer interns are working on informational materials about DPA's services for public outreach. When completed, the materials will be added to DPA's website and shared across social media platforms.
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**

Commissioner Benedicto: Wished everyone a Happy Pride, encouraged public to attend Juneteenth and Pride parades. Boundary Analysis project – thanked community groups and Board of Supervisors that have reached out with comments and proposed maps. Spoke with Executive Director McGuire to incorporate the feedback for maps. Thanked Society of Professional Journalists. Addressed immigration enforcement topic. Asked to have a presentation regarding response to protests.

Commissioner Scott: Attended United Playaz grand opening in District 6, brand new safe haven for families and youth in District 6 and San Francisco. Reached out to survivors to be at the Board of Supervisors meeting next week regarding legislation. Wear orange month, gun violence awareness, thanked those who participated in the Golden Gate Bridge Walk.

President Clay: on 6/13/25 spoke with DHR regarding search for Chief of Police.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paulette Brown: Legislation to be presented at Board of Supervisors scheduled for 6/24. Survivors and supporters requested to attend.

8. Search and selection process for Chief of Police (DISCUSSION) *Update on search and selection process, which may include presentation by representative of Department of Human Resources*

Anna Biasbas, Director of Employment Services, and Jen Lo, Public Safety Teams Manager, from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt revised Department General Order 6.10, "Missing Persons" (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION) *(Previously approved for meet and confer on April 2, 2025, Resolution No. 25-31)*

Motion: Vice President Benedicto. 2nd: Commissioner Scott. 5-0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

10. Discussion and possible action to approve Department General Order 9.06, "Vehicle Tows" 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).*

Acting Sergeant M. Olkiewicz presented.

Motion: Vice President Benedicto with Resolution 23-30. 2nd: Commissioner Yee. 5-0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

11. Public comment on all matters pertaining to Item 13 below, Closed Session, including public

comment on Item 12, vote whether to hold Item 13 in closed session.

None

12. Vote on whether to hold Item 13 in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 67.10(b) and (d)) (ACTION)

Motion: Vice President Benedicto. 2nd: Commissioner Yee. 5-0.

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Leung

1st open session ended: 7:45 pm

Closed Session (7:55 p.m.- 8:05 p.m.)

13. Closed Session

Roll Call;

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Claim. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)(1):**

Kareim McKnight v. City and County of San Francisco, et al., U.S.D.C. Case No. 22-cv-04600 WHO, filed: 8/9/22 (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Yee, Scott, Elias, Vice President Benedicto, President Clay, Acting Chief Yep, Chief of Staff Mark Im, Deputy City Attorney Jen Huber, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Kristine Singh)

- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.10(b): PERSONNEL EXCEPTION: Public Employee Appointment:**

Nomination of Interim Chief of Police for appointment by Mayor (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Yee, Scott, Elias, Vice President Benedicto, President Clay, Deputy City Attorney Jen Huber, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Kristine Singh)

Closed Session Ended: (8:05 p.m.)

2nd Open Session (8:07 p.m. – 8:09 p.m.)

14. Report on any actions taken in closed session and vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussion on Item 13 held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)) (ACTION)

Report: Commission made a nomination for Interim Chief and will forward nomination to Mayor.

Motion: Commissioner Benedicto, to not disclose any and all information in item 13 held in Closed Session. 2nd: Commissioner Yee. 5-0.

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Leung

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT :

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission