

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004

The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in regular session Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 10:05 a.m., in Room 146, Parker Center, Los Angeles. On calling the roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Cunningham III, Skobin, Caruso, Ochi, and Saucedo. President Cunningham presiding.

PRESENT: William J. Bratton, Chief of Police
Daniel R. Koenig, Executive Director
Mark Burton, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Julie Valenzuela, Commission Executive Assistant
Bernadette Balajadia, Hearing Reporter
Officer Ernesto Vicencio, Sergeant-at-Arms
Officer Deborah Nichols, Sergeant-at-Arms
Detective Aaron Bankhead, Sergeant-at-Arms

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

- Regular Meeting October 28, 2003
- Regular Meeting November 4, 2003

Commissioner Skobin moved, seconded by Commissioner Caruso, to APPROVE the above matter. Unanimously APPROVED.

2. REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Bratton gave the Department's "weekly crimes year to date" statistical report for the period ending January 24, 2004.

Chief Bratton stated that he had attended the Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday to discuss acquisition of property for the New Police Headquarters Facility.

Chief Bratton also stated that the Department currently has 562 civilian job vacancies, however, the Department is unable to fill these positions due to the current City hiring freeze.

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Skobin reported having attended a Town Hall Public Safety Meeting in Council District One along with Commissioner Saucedo. Commissioner Skobin stated that Mayor Hahn was also present at this meeting.

Commissioner Ochi reported attending an Asian Recruitment Expo along with a special recognition for Hate Crimes Task Force member Scott Millington, a Mental Health Crisis Response Program Advisory Board meeting, and Detective Tim Williams' retirement dinner.

President Cunningham instructed the Department to provide a report on officer safety enhancement for future agenda items.

4. INFORMATION – FILED ITEMS

Information items on file, submitted for the period ending January 24, 2004.

RECEIVED and FILED.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

COMMISSION SUBMITS FOR INFORMATION/ACTION

6-A. APPROVED – APPOINTED

APPROVE the establishment of a Police Commission Task Force on Ethical Charities and APPOINT members, as set forth.

Commissioner Saucedo moved, seconded by Commissioner Caruso, to APPROVE the above matter and APPOINT the members. Unanimously APPROVED.

6-B. RECEIVED – CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 3, 2004

RECEIVE a response from the Chief of Police regarding a Hate Crimes Task Force recommendation that the Department's Hate Crimes Unit be placed within Detective Bureau.

The above matter was DISCUSSED with Captain Williams and Commander Ward, Critical Incident Management Bureau.

Commissioner Ochi moved, seconded by Commissioner Caruso, to calendar the above matter with the proper language for approval. Unanimously APPROVED.

6-C. UPDATE GIVEN

Verbal report from the Department on the status of Quarterly reports on the Hunter LaLey Consent Decree.

A verbal update was given by Mr. Chaleff, Consent Decree Bureau.

President Cunningham INSTRUCTED the Department to provide a detailed written report relative to the Hunter La Ley Consent Decree.

6-D. UPDATE GIVEN

Verbal report from the Executive Director regarding compliance with Consent Decree paragraph 118 pertaining to the training of Civilian Board of Rights Members on police practices and procedures.

A verbal update was given by Executive Director Koenig and Guendolynia Davis, Commission Executive Assistant.

6-E. UPDATE GIVEN

Verbal report from the Department on the status of community policing effort including:

1. Deployment and utilization of Senior Lead Officers;
2. Community-Police Advisory Board composition and involvement with Area command staff;
3. Neighborhood Watch meetings, frequency, issues addressed and attendance; and,
4. Problem Solving and Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment (SARA) Projects.

The above matter was DISCUSSED with Commander Moore, Office of Operations and Sergeant Dennis, Community Police Unit.

The Board INSTRUCTED the Department to report back with a detailed quarterly status report by the end of next month.

The following person addressed the Board:

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The public hearing was closed.

At this time, President Cunningham left the Boardroom. Vice President Skobin presiding.

6-F. UPDATE GIVEN

Verbal report from the Department regarding compliance with Consent Decree paragraphs 106 (a) through (h) and 107 (a) through (c) which pertain to the management and supervision of gang units including daily supervisory presence in the field and commanding officers ensuring oversight of tactical operations.

A verbal update was given by Mr. Chaleff, Consent Decree Bureau and Commander Roupoli, Office of Operations.

At this time, President Cunningham returned to the Boardroom and resumed the Chair.

6-G. UPDATE GIVEN – CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 17, 2004

Verbal briefing from the Personnel and Police Departments on the recruitment of police officer candidates.

Assistant Chief McDonnell, Operation Headquarters Bureau, provided an update relative to the above matter.

The Board INSTRUCTED Executive Director Koenig to work with the Department and the City Attorney's Office and REPORT BACK with options and different strategies for recruitment of police officers – ENTIRE MATTER CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 17, 2004.

6-H. REVIEWED - APPROVED

CONTINUED FROM 01/06/04

SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW and APPROVAL of Modifications to the Police Commission's Vision Statement and Goals, as set forth.

Commissioner Caruso moved, seconded by Commissioner Saucedo to APPROVE the above matter. Unanimously APPROVED.

6-I. UPDATE GIVEN

CONTINUED FROM 01/13/04

VERBAL PRESENTATION by the Department and Office of the Inspector General on its handling of out-of-statute Personnel Complaint Investigations.

Inspector General Birotte and Commander Lillo, Professional Services Bureau provided an update relative to the above matter.

CHIEF OF POLICE SUBMITS FOR BOARD INFORMATION/ACTION

6-J. APPROVED – TRANSMIT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

APPROVE and TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council, the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$75,276.00, which has been awarded to the Department's Scientific Investigation Division from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services for the Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Act-Training Program Grant (March 2004 through April 2005) and AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police to negotiate, execute and submit the necessary documents relative to this grant award, as set forth.

Commissioner Caruso moved, seconded by Commissioner Ochi, to APPROVE the above matter. Unanimously APPROVED.

6-K. REVIEWED - APPROVED

REVIEW and APPROVE the Department's Special Enforcement Unit Selection Criteria Audit report, in compliance with Paragraph 131 of the Consent Decree, as set forth. (See also Item No. 6-L) [BPC #03-0250]

The above matter was REVIEWED with Mr. Chaleff, Consent Decree Bureau.

Commissioner Caruso moved, seconded by Commissioner Saucedo, to APPROVE the above matter. Unanimously APPROVED.

INSPECTOR GENERAL SUBMITS FOR BOARD INFORMATION/ACTION

6-L. APPROVED

REVIEW and APPROVE the Inspector General's analysis of the Department's Special Enforcement Unit Selection Criteria Audit report, in compliance with Paragraph 135 of the Consent Decree, as set forth. (See also Item No. 6-K) [BPC #03-0250A]

Commissioner Caruso moved, seconded by Commissioner Skobin, to APPROVE the above matter. Unanimously APPROVED.

6-M. RECEIVED AND FILED

RECEIVE and FILE the Inspector General's Activity reports for the months of November and December 2003, as set forth. [BPC #04-0013 and 04-0013A]

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following persons addressed the Board:

LaShawn Pensoon and Angela Ovalle.

The public hearing was closed.

8. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

8-A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Review of Officer Involved Shootings, Law Enforcement Related Injuries, and other personnel matters. Government Code Section 54957.

ATTEST:

President

Board Secretary

NOTE: For more detailed information, a certified transcript of this meeting is included as part of the permanent record of these proceedings.