

**Police Oversight Task Force
December 4, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

Summary Minutes

Members present*:

Frances Armijo
Ralph Arellanes
Fabrizio Bertolletti
Nancy Koenigsberg
Andrew Lipman
Craig Loy
Edmund Perea
Peter Simonson
Alan Wagman
Leonard Waites

Council staff present:

Stephanie Yara
Jessica Gonzales
Julian Moya
Mandi Hinojos
Chris Melendrez

Others present:

Dr. Bruce Perlman, School of Public Administration, UNM
John DuBois, Legal Department
Timothy Karpoff

*Reflects members present when the meeting is called to order. Any excused absences will be reflected in actions taken in the summary minutes.

1. Call to order

Mr. Lipman called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bertolletti made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Summary Minutes

Mr. Loy made a motion to approve the November 6, 2013 summary. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Dinah Vargas expressed her concerns regarding past or present law enforcement serving on the Task Force or the Police Oversight Commission. She stated it may create bias amongst the members.

Charlie Arasim thanked Mr. Wagman for his comments at the Task Force subcommittee meeting and to the City Council defending the public right to free speech. Mr. Arasim recommended the City Council set up an independent board to review all ordinances before they are voted on. He further stated he would like to see Robin Hammer step down as the Independent Review Officer.

Mike Alvarez addressed the Task Force regarding police brutality and the lack of discipline officers receive for infractions. He also stated the complaint process needs to be reviewed and made clear to citizens.

Mr. Lipman introduced Mr. Waites as the new Task Force member.

5. Process to Request Legal Advice from Independent Counsel

Mr. Melendrez and Mr. DuBois discussed the City's contract for legal counsel. Mr. DuBois stated the city has a contract for legal services and there are few occasions that would allow for outside counsel, for example a conflict of interest or if the City has no attorney with the expertise or time needed for a certain case. The process would be to put those legal questions in writing and provide that to the City Attorney to be determined if outside counsel is needed.

Mr. Lipman asked if the city legal department were to be involved in matters pertaining to the police officers association would constitute a conflict of interest. Mr. DuBois stated no, he doesn't believe that would constitute a conflict of interest.

Mr. Wagman asked about David Tourek assisting in drafting a recommendation regarding the IRO, could his assistance be unbiased and without conflict. Mr. DuBois stated yes, it is possible and recommended.

6. Reports of Subcommittees

Mr. Wagman gave a report of the IRO Subcommittee (attached).

Mr. Simonson gave a report of the POC Subcommittee report (attached).

Mr. Arellanes gave a report of the APD Subcommittee. He stated he did not have a report to hand out at this time but explained that the discussions with Mr. Loy will continue and they could have something in writing soon.

7. Facilitation Process for Recommendations

Mr. Karpoff introduced himself to the Task Force and gave a brief summary of his background and expertise. He provided the Task Force with a handout (attached) and discussed his idea for moving forward efficiently.

Ms. Koenigsburg made a motion to engage Mr. Karpoff as facilitator to the Task Force. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Lipman suggested the Task Force keep its scheduled meeting dates in December and possibly add a date to hold an all-day retreat.

Mr. Wagman stated he felt the Task Force should no longer meet in subcommittees and should continue to move forward in facilitated meetings.

Mr. Loy stated he would like to see the subcommittees meet again to finish the work that was started. Mr. Waites agreed, stating that in listening to the subcommittee reports, he feels they covered more ground than full Task Force meetings.

After some discussion, Mr. Wagman made a motion to keep the scheduled Task Force meeting dates, December 11 and 18, 2013 and January 8 and 15, 2014. The motion passed by a 9-1 vote. Mr. Perea voted against, Mr. Erickson was excused.

9. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.