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Sheriff's Department Oversight Board Regular In-Person Meeting Friday, July 7, 2023 / 2:00 pm

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 400
San Francisco, CA 94102

MEETING MINUTES – Draft

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Afuhaamango, Brookter (at 2:18 pm), Carrion, Nguyen, Palmer, Soo, Wechter,
Acting Secretary Leung

A quorum of the Board was present.

President Wechter moves agenda item 4 to after agenda item 9 with no objections.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thierry Fill, appearing in person, this is the 2nd time we have seen him, last time he said if we keep going without action, it's not going to be too good. He doesn't know what the Sheriff's doing. You are all friends; you want to work with him as parties. Something is not happening. It should become more and more obvious that we need to take a step forward to make things happen. We are going to be in trouble. Serious. He knows that we understand what he is saying. It's very difficult to deal with what's going on. Generally speaking. We are under very thick pressure, awful pressure of corporations, politics, obviously, big pharma, technology, which is even worse than everything. We need to fight against AI, we are going to lose our jobs. It's going to be awful. Mark my words, it's coming. So, it's now. We need to understand, focus, use critical thinking, try to do our best to unite our energies and work together. Have a good afternoon. He will see us again. Bye.

Unidentified Speaker, appearing in person, he was up somewhere yesterday, trying to speak in this capacity and it was very hard after he sat down. He couldn't really take it. He doesn't think he was even visible to you guys. Two other guys there in room 416 hearing room. He was up there speaking and sat back down, and he said something weird happened, he didn't know what it was, he thought it was one of you guys. He thought it was Beven Dufty, but it wasn't him. He thought it was someone else. He didn't know why they were doing that. It was really hard to understand. It's really hard to process. He is wondering if he goes back to his seat, is he going to feel the same way? He doesn't know. Does he have to yell and scream? Beat his chest? He doesn't know. He tweets. He has a Twitter account. He started a thread about a CHP officer who stopped him on the Bay Bridge in 2011. He took his car. Never got it back. Slapped him with a fine. \$900. Took his car. The State of California is making some money off that car today. That money is probably getting somewhere. Buying you guys muffins or something. But listen, there is some really weird stuff that is going on. Big crime is going on. Our rights. He doesn't have any rights. It's all for this money. They are going to give you a bunch of money. Talking about all this money. Billions and billions of dollars. That's a lot of money. Money. Money. Money. He is wondering if it's really going to work out? He doesn't know. Is it going to pan out in the end? He doesn't know. There was a lady in here just talking, talking, talking in

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here. He was sitting down and he was trying to get up to talk but he didn't know what she said, she didn't know what she was talking about. This is just what happens every day. Can't process anything. Don't have anything to deal with. It's just really hard.

Andrew James White, appearing in person, he is just trying to stay in whatever loop he can stay in. Try to reestablish himself with stability in the mainstream of society. He dealt with a little bit of OIG- COC stuff down in LA. And he moved here about 5 years ago, actually on seven three eighteen. A little over five years ago. Seven seven twenty three? I believe it is. He had communicated. He had come up here through the shelters, off the streets, now he is back in the work force. Whatever people deal with, surgeries, jumping around. Whatever happens. Maybe the cool kids are hanging, maybe they're not. He is trying to understand what is happening here. He has some correspondence, which is tough to do when you're in the streets and your voice is diluted. You get better at it. He has had some correspondence with Shamon Walton's office. D10. D6. Moved around a little bit in the last 5 years. He has taken the sheriffs to court once. He doesn't talk much about it, but they ... but he isn't going to talk anything about it. But it is in court for a very good reason. You get better at this stuff. Communicating is tough to do. That's why he is striving to do himself. He is trying to understand what this panel is designed for, what's going on, with the next step with the OIG. He communicated this with Shamon Walton's office. We get better. He is taking classes. He is training at a minimum. Slipping and sliding like everybody does. That is what he is doing. He is reading the statement of incompatible activities. He doesn't know. He's come from San Diego, through LA, Tinseltown, if you will, up here to the Golden Gate, doing whatever. Being labeled as whatever. He is a non-party preference person. At this point, if you look at his voter registration, which he does have transparently set, through that option. You'll see MVP not some whoever else they pretend you are. He doesn't really want to get into it right now. Say he doesn't want to get into politics in the courtroom. He doesn't know what kind of room this is. Guess he needs to find out. He's still dealing with some things... that's it. I don't have anything else.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes from June 2, 2023, by Member Soo, seconded by Vice President Carrion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Vote to adopt the minutes of June 2, 2023:

AYES: Afuhaamango, Brookter, Carrion, Nguyen, Palmer, Soo, Wechter

NAYS: None

Motion passes and approved with no objections. Minutes of June 2, 2023, are adopted.

RECRUITMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Benjamin Richey, Department of Human Resources, appeared in person to give a brief update on the applications for the inspector general and answer board member questions.

Questions from Vice President Carrion, President Wechter, Member Soo, Member Nguyen, Member Afuhaamango, Member Brookter, and Member Palmer.

Jana, Clark, Deputy City Attorney, appearing remotely, gave board advisement, and answered questions from the Board.

Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor, Bay Area Rapid Transit, and former member of the Berkeley Police Commission, appeared remotely, and spoke on his experience in oversight, the structure at his job, and how he does his job.

Questions from Vice President Carrion, Member Afuhaamango, Member Soo, Member Nguyen, and President Wechter.

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Motion to ask DHR to incorporate subject matter experts from the civilian oversight community into the rating of the supplemental written answers provided by the applicants by President Wechter.

Mr. Richey responds and gives further information and suggests a closed session to discuss the candidate pool.

Questions from Member Soo.

No second on the motion, the motion does not move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unidentified speaker, appearing in person, he listened to both of the presentations and to him, it doesn't make any sense. Both of the people don't make any sense to him at all whatsoever and he thinks that was clear to you as well. He sat down, he listened to both of the guys, it doesn't make any sense to him. It's clear as day to him that it doesn't make sense. He doesn't get anything. He doesn't hear anything. He doesn't see. He doesn't hear, anything. And both of these guys were here talking for 30 minutes. It's jibber jabber. That's what it is. Complete utter jibber jabber. He doesn't understand how you can sit there and listen to all that and pretend you are going to do something about it. You can't do anything about that. It's just complete shut down of it. You heard him right? He shot a guy in the back. Messerli. He's somewhere in Northern California, he's hiding somewhere. What he wants to tell you is, why are you wasting people's time? You're a prosecutor? I don't know. You want to throw that information out into the air like somebody cares. Nobody cares here. What are you going to do? Prosecute somebody for it? For speaking? What he wants to tell us is, there's some stuff going on, and it isn't good at all, whatsoever. He's been around. This is his thirteenth year, out here, in the elements. He's a homeless man. It's his thirteenth year and it makes no sense to him at all, whatsoever. He's ashamed to be here. He's ashamed to be in this state, this city, in this country. He's ashamed. He's ashamed of it. He's sorry to the city to the public for wasting your time. He probably isn't going to stick around here. He wants to understand if this is the way you do stuff. Is it because he's black? Is this the way you do stuff? I know you got a history. (Time was up).

PRESENTATION BY THE SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chief Richard Jue introduces Marin Okumu, Director of IT at the SFSO, appearing remotely, who gave the presentation on technology, availability of data, availability of reports, and resources required to pull data.

Questions from Vice President Carrion, Member Afuhamango, Member Soo, and Member Brookter.

BREAK (4:02 pm to 4:09 pm)

Chief Jue answered questions from President Wechter.

Continued questions for Director Okumu from Member Nguyen, Member Brookter, and Member Soo.

Chief Kevin McConnell, field operations division for SFSO, appeared in person, and presented on the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) and recent deployment of deputies in the field.

Questions from Vice President Carrion, Member Brookter, Member Soo, Member Nguyen, and President Wechter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unidentified Speaker, appearing in person, we heard a lot today. It's not easy sitting through this meeting. The police commission goes to 5 hours. He was here 6 hours, sitting here, just listening to nonsense. Listening to police codes. There is no reason for a guy like him to be here and put up with this. What he is asking is, he is trying to find out why he's here. Why is he sitting through a police commission for 7 hours? That is his rule, if he makes a public comment, he is going to stay here and stay here until the end. But it doesn't make sense to him. Nothing makes sense to him. He doesn't know how you can do that to somebody. Somebody who can't help himself. He's at the mercy of people he doesn't see, that he doesn't know, but they have these wide, wide tentacles, that go all around the city. Whichever way you go, look up, down, sideways, they're all here, all around you, all the time. Who are you? Who are you, is what he wants to know. He's trying to find out, who are you? You're talking to me in this room, all the time. He's here, down the hallway, down the street, anywhere he goes, to the post office, Shell gas station, anywhere he goes, you are all there. Who are you? Does anybody know? Who are you? Like really, who are you? I'm trying to find out. This is going on 13 years, I'm asking this question. Somebody's invisible, talking to me, and preventing me from coming up here and sharing my thoughts. Who are you? Is anybody know? Does anybody know who they are? (Time was up).

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Continuation of PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andrew James White, appearing in person, as the last individual just stated, who are you? Who are you? Who is he? Who he is. But who are you? That's a good question because this is revolving around anonymity hearing complaints. He's listening to a lot of what's going on around here, what's the design for. He is hearing a lot about data sharing, sharing rights, SFSO, SDOB. Great. That's what he's trying to think about. Bouncing around like a human pinball, like that pinball wizard down in LA before he came here. Trying to figure out what's going on. A lot of times the documentation, the record keeping, very informative, but what he's getting here is anonymity, everybody knows. A lot of people, they don't like to file a complaint, that may want to go anonymous, but that kind of dilutes the complaints sometimes, not always. You're still getting followed around. It's really easy to find out who the complainant is, but who the cops? Balance is necessary. The supernatural, the unseen, the unexplainable that's going on. Tension gets heated and people freak out and then the referees have to come in and figure out what is going on. Then that gets heated, then color of law is violated. Then that has to get figured out then due process kicks in because the light of natural reason is not available anymore. The referees come in. The complaint process let's think about modifying anonymity. Simple SB16, SB1421, 832.7.8. chapter 67, sunshine ordinance, article 1 sec 3, brown act, he's still getting acquainted with all this as far as (unintelligible), zoning, this that, and the spirit within, so who are you? He's had to be directed from the OIG to the sheriff themselves, directing on a straight complaint, maybe this is okay, he had to find the officer that he had this disposition with and gave the deposition to and he had to call him up and track him down. (Time was up).

Due to time constraints, the Secretary moved to continue Lines item 6, 7, and 8, to the next meeting. Vice President Carrion asked that the quarterly report be heard due to the time sensitive nature.

QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Open discussion by Vice President Carrion, President Wechter, and Member Soo.

Motion to accept the Report with the amendments to correct the tenses, add the timeline, and add the future community meeting at Glide Memorial by Member Brookter, seconded by Vice President Carrion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Vote on motion:

AYES: Afuhaamango, Brookter, Carrion, Nguyen, Palmer, Soo, Wechter

NAYES: None

Motion to accept the Quarterly Report for the 2nd Quarter with the stated amendments passes and approved with no objections.

SUMMER RECESS

Open discussion by Member Soo, and comments by President Wechter.

Motion to take summer recess and not have a meeting in August by Member Soo, seconded by Vice President Carrion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Vote on motion:

AYES: Afuhaamango, Brookter, Carrion, Nguyen, Palmer, Soo, Wechter

NAYES: None

Continued from **SUMMER RECESS**:

Motion to take a summer recess in the month of August passes and approved with no objections. The SDOB will be in Summer Recess and have no meeting in the month of August 2023.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Open discussion to:

- have a closed session to discuss the candidates for inspector general at the end of July
- reschedule the community meeting at Glide Memorial.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unidentified Speaker, appearing in person, he lives about 4 blocks from here, on the corner of Laguna and Grove, he's been there for about 13 years. He looks out the window every day, and he tries to see when he will be free, when he will have freedom. He wants to get around, he wants to do things. He wants to buy a milkshake. Want to take a date out to Starbucks, get some coffee, sit down, talk, about life, about what they want to do. Have kids or not. But they say there is a lot of money for you, there is billions and billions and billions of dollars and you can't do none of those things until we give you the money. Until you get the money, you can't leave your house. You can't associate, you can't come here and talk. People are starting to fight him in here. He comes to city hall all the time and he wants to share his thoughts, his experiences and his hardships. People are starting to come up to fight him. They are giving him attitude. They looking at him weird. This guy almost touched him. He's some sort of dude here. Crazy dude trying to get unleashed on you. Somebody's doing that. He doesn't know who it is. This is 13 years, it's every day of your life. Night and day. Your night and day. You can't sleep at night. So it's during the night and day. He doesn't have a place to live. He doesn't have social security. He doesn't get SSI. He doesn't get food stamps. He doesn't get nothing. He guesses he's lucky he has a phone to share what's going on with him and his life. He's lucky he has this phone. He's not even supposed to have this phone. Nobody is supposed to see you. Somebody is doing all this and you wonder who it is. Somebody very powerful. It's has to be someone very big and powerful, right? Who does this to you. It does it to you from when you're a little child. This is a hard 13 years, so he is trying to see if you can help him.

ADJOURNMENT

All those in favor voted AYE. No NAYS.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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Sheriff's Department Oversight Board

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https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/44042?view_id=223&redirect=true&h=9982f31cb11605e788275d66dd0aacdc