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Sheriff's Department Oversight Board Regular In-Person Meeting Friday, November 3, 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 2:17 pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Announcement on remote public comment.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Afuhaamango, Brookter, Carrion, Palmer, Soo, Wechter, Acting Secretary Leung
NOT PRESENT: Nguyen

Motion to excuse Member Nguyen by Vice President Carrion, seconded by Member Brookter.
Unanimously approved.

A quorum of the Board was present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 6, 2023, regular meeting and the October 13, 2023, special meeting, by Vice President Carrion, seconded by Member Brookter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

Vote to adopt the minutes of October 6, 2023, and October 13, 2023:
AYES: Afuhaamango, Brookter, Carrion, Palmer, Soo, Wechter
NAYS: None

Motion passes and approved unanimously. Minutes of October 6, 2023, and October 13, 2023, are adopted.

REPORT FROM DPA ON SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATIONS

Marshall Khine, Chief Attorney from DPA appeared to give a report on Sheriff's investigations for the 3rd quarter. Questions by Vice President Carrion, Member Wechter, and President Soo.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry Fill, in person, asked where the guy from DPA came from, if he was part of this department, and who pays him. You need to ensure the information is correct and follows the process of integrity. It is important, otherwise you are going in things that are unreliable and in the end don't work in your best interests at all.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

Terry Fill, in person, stated the concept of closed session raises the question of why is it closed session? Is closed session something the public should not know immediately?

CLOSED SESSION commenced at 2:34 pm.

CLOSED SESSION ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING (SF ADMIN CODE 67.10(B))

In attendance in closed session: Members Afuhaamango, Brookter, Carrion, Palmer, Soo, and Wechter. DHR representative Paul Greene, Deputy City Attorney Jana Clark, and Acting Commission Secretary Dan Leung.

One motion was made in closed session and passed by majority vote.

OPEN SESSION recommenced at 2:53 pm

VOTE TO DISCLOSE DISCUSSION ON CLOSED SESSION

Motion to not disclose discussion in closed session except to let the public know that a majority of the Board voted to extend an offer of employment to a candidate at the highest stated salary, by President Soo, seconded by Member Brookter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Vote on motion:

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

NAYS: None

Motion passes unanimously. Discussion in closed session shall not be disclosed to the public except as stated above.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Motion to add the jail visits by Member Palmer and Member Wechter, and notes to the Community Outreach section of the report, to the 3rd quarter report by Member Wechter.

Discussion by Member Wechter, Vice President Carrion, Member Palmer, President Soo, Member Afuhaamango, and Member Brookter.

BREAK: 3:38 pm to 3:47 pm

Member Wechter withdraws the motion and makes a motion to continue this line item to the next meeting, seconded by Vice President Carrion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Fill, in person, stated it took 45 minutes before saying the word goal. The goal seems to be to improve the system which has to be a mess in the jails. Push the concept of responsibility and critical thinking. Don't be afraid to speak the truth.

Vote to continue line item:

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

NAYS: None

Motion passes unanimously. Line item is continued to the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Open discussion and suggestions by Member Brookter, Member Afuhaamango, President Soo, Member Palmer, Vice President Carrion, and Member Wechter.

Suggested future agenda items:

1. Reports from Board members
2. Priorities for the IG
3. How SFSO handles investigations from DPA
4. Community engagement
5. Jail health
6. Budget
7. Working conditions of the deputies
8. Officer safety
9. Partnership between law enforcement and community.
10. Prioritize well-being and mental health of law enforcement officers with access to resources.
11. Services – prior to reentry, educational opportunities, apprenticeships and job training opportunities, and support services on reentry.
12. Town hall for San Francisco Jail Justice Coalition.
13. Board photo
14. Letterman jacket
15. Schedule Glide community event.
16. Town halls with Supervisor districts.
17. Town hall with representatives from the public defender’s office: what they hear from incarcerated individuals and what concerns they have.
18. Presentation from experienced oversight practitioners on best practices for establishing an investigative and model agency; what will be necessary to make the agency succeed. The required training, resources and staffing and source of support for budgeting those items.
19. Presentation on anonymized information regarding lawsuits and settlements against the sheriff’s office and judgements for the past 5 years and steps taken to address behavioral or systematic behavioral conditions that resulted in the settlements or adverse judgments.
20. Reach out to prosecutors who work with the victims and families.
21. Regular reports from the Sheriff’s Department on the number and types of complaints received in the last month or quarter; number and types of grievances submitted by incarcerated individuals with the last month or quarter, including facility and location.
22. Ongoing statistics from special patrol in the Tenderloin and South of Market.
23. Identify key categories that the Board wants SFSO to prioritize and give reports on. Including ongoing reports with updates.
24. Presentation from District Attorneys office on number of arrests made by Sheriff’s deputies on the special project in the Tenderloin and SoMa that they dismissed and the reasons for dismissals e.g. lack of evidence.

President Soo reiterated Chief Jue’s request that we give SFSO at least 3 weeks’ notice for any presentations SDOB requests from the Sheriff’s Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Fill, in person, stated he wanted to rectify what he meant by bad guys, it is important to understand there are bad good guys and good bad guys. He said to Sheriff Miyamoto that he needs to make his team strong. Technology works against us today because the way it works now, it is our enemy. The weaponization of technology is not a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT

All those in favor voted AYE. No NAYS.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Dan Leung
Legal Assistant
Sheriff's Department Oversight Board

Full video recording may be accessed at:
https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/44827?view_id=223&redirect=true&h=f633e73924d4b76cb3b81707a5d8e57e