

**CITY OF ANTIOCH  
ANTIOCH POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Regular Meeting  
6:30 P.M.**

**May 5, 2025  
City Council Chambers**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, May 5, 2025, in Council Chambers. Acting City Clerk Rosales called the roll.

Present: Commissioners Elekwachi, Kennedy, Lacey-Oha, Vice Chairperson Williams and Chairperson Taylor

Absent: Commissioner Hadden

Staff: Assistant City Attorney, Kevin Kunding  
Assistant City Manager, Brad Helfenberger  
Lieutenant, Matthew Koch  
Dispatch Supervisor, Stacey Malsom  
Acting City Clerk, Vanessa Rosales  
Assistant City Clerk, Christina Garcia

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3-1 APPROVAL OF THE ANTIOCH POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2025**

On motion by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Elekwachi the Antioch Police Oversight Commission members present unanimously continued the minutes of April 21, 2025.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4-1 DISPATCH CALL INTAKE OVERVIEW**

**A. Staff Presentation**

Dispatch Supervisor Malsom gave the Dispatch Call Intake Overview presentation.

**B. Public Comment**

The Commission received public comment from the following individual who spoke on the Dispatch Call Intake Overview presentation: Nichole Gardner.

**C. Commission Discussion and Direction**

Dispatch Supervisor Malsom and Assistant City Attorney Kunding provided responses to inquiries from the APOC regarding the Dispatch Call Intake Overview presentation.

**4-2. PRESENTATION ON MUTUAL AID**

**A. Staff Presentation**

Lieutenant Koch gave the Mutual Aid presentation.

**B. Public Comment**

The Commission received public comment from the following individual who spoke on the Mutual Aid presentation; Leslie May.

**C. Commission Discussion and Direction**

Lieutenant Koch provided responses to inquiries from the APOC regarding the Mutual Aid presentation.

Commissioner Elekwachi requested additional information on the process of recouping costs from outside agencies.

**4-3. DISCUSSION ON THE UPCOMING SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 19, 2025, TO REVIEW THE ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET**

**A. Staff Presentation**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding presented the staff report dated May 5, 2025.

**B. Public Comment**

The Commission received public comment from the following individual who spoke on the Upcoming Scheduled Public Hearing on May 19, 2025, to review the Antioch Police Department (APD) Budget: Nichole Gardner.

**C. Commission Discussion and Direction**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding, Assistant City Manager Helfenberger and Lieutenant Koch provided responses to inquiries from the public and APOC regarding Upcoming Scheduled Public Hearing on May 19, 2025, to review the APD Budget.

**D. Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Antioch Police Oversight Commission (APOC) review the Antioch Police Department's proposed budget in preparation for the upcoming Public Hearing on May 19, 2025.**

The APOC requested the updated budget information include priorities and initiative as well as any changes Council made to the APD budget at their Budget Study Session.

#### **4-4. RESTRUCTURING OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP**

##### **A. Staff Presentation**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding gave the staff report dated May 5, 2025, Restructuring of Ad Hoc Committees and Membership presentation.

##### **B. Public Comment**

The Commission received public comments from the following individuals who spoke on the Restructuring of Ad Hoc Committees and Membership presentation: Leslie May and Nichole Gardner.

##### **C. Commission Discussion and Direction**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding provided responses to inquiries from the APOC regarding the Restructuring of Ad Hoc Committees and Membership presentation.

**D. Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Antioch Police Oversight Commission adopt the resolution to restructure and combine the following ad hoc committees: 1) Policy; 2) Use of Force; and 3) Complaints, Internal Affairs, and Hiring Process, to “Police Practices” Ad Hoc Committee for a term of twelve (12) months with Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.**

On motion by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Elekwachi the Antioch Police Oversight Commission members present unanimously adopted the resolution to restructure and combine the following ad hoc committees: 1) Policy; 2) Use of Force; and 3) Complaints, Internal Affairs, and Hiring Process, to “Police Practices” Ad Hoc Committee.

Chairperson Taylor proposed that both she and Commissioner Williams serve on this Ad Hoc Committee and also continue to serve on the Lexipol team. She noted there was one additional open position for anyone interested in volunteering for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Elekwachi volunteered to serve on the Police Practices Ad Hoc Committee.

Assistant City Attorney Kunding reviewed the Brown Act as related to communications between Commissioners addressing Ad Hoc Committee assignments.

On motion by Chairperson Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Lacey-Oha the Antioch Police Oversight Commission members present unanimously appointed Chairperson Taylor and Commissioners Williams and Elekwachi to the Police Practices Ad Hoc Committee for a term of twelve (12) months.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Commission received general public comments from individuals including: Leslie May and Nichole Gardner.

**6. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT OUT**

Chairperson Taylor reported on her attendance at the Lexipol meeting and announced that she would be forwarding their policy recommendations to the Commission for review and consideration.

**7. UPCOMING/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Commission received public comment from the following individual who spoke on Upcoming/Future Agenda items: Nichole Gardner.

Discussion ensued regarding the APOC members' priorities for future agenda items.

Commission consensus for the following priority requests included:

- Ad Hoc Committees
- APD Budget Public Hearing
- Unhoused Sweeps
- DOJ Executive Order
- Hate Crimes Presentation
- Community Engagement Team Presentation

Commissioner Kennedy requested in the future, the Commission discuss locations and timing for the upcoming offsite Commission meetings. She also requested that, in the future, staff provide written presentations to accompany oral presentations.

Assistant City Attorney Kunding confirmed that the APOC could participate in Ad Hoc Committee meetings in July when the APOC would not be meeting.

**8. ANTIOCH POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONER REPORT OUT**

Commissioner Kennedy announced May was Mental Health Awareness Month and expressed concern that the Sacramento County Sheriff Department would not be responding to calls related to a mental health crisis unless a crime had occurred, in progress or someone other than the person in crisis was deemed to be in imminent danger.

Commissioner Lacey-Oha reported on her attendance at a meeting with the California State President of the NAACP.

Commissioner Williams announced he was appointed third Vice President of the NAACP East County Chapter.

Chairperson Taylor welcomed Commissioners Kennedy and Elekwachi to the APOC. She announced there would be an Access to Victims Compensation event from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. on May 22, 2025, at Intentional Event Spaces and a Social Justice Pageant for Youth event beginning at 9:00 A.M. on September 20, 2025, at Intentional Event Spaces. She reported on a meeting she attended with Sargent Price and encouraged APOC members to participate in ride-alongs.

**9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 19, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.**

Chairperson Taylor announced the next APOC meeting would be held at 6:30 P.M. on May 19, 2025.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Elekwachi the Antioch Police Oversight Commission members present unanimously adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk