

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

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2004

The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened in closed session Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 5:48 p.m., at 4030 Crenshaw Boulevard, Department of Water and Power, Crenshaw Auditorium, Los Angeles. On calling the roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Cunningham III, Skobin, and Saucedo. President Cunningham presiding. Commissioners Caruso and Ochi were absent.

PRESENT: William J. Bratton, Chief of Police
Daniel R. Koenig, Executive Director
Mark Burton, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Julie Valenzuela, Commission Executive Assistant
Jodi Monroe, Hearing Reporter
Officer Jose Ceja, Sergeant-at-Arms
Officer Troy Abordo, Sergeant-at-Arms
Officer Ernesto Vicencio, Sergeant-at-Arm
Detective Tom Butler, Sergeant-at-Arms
Officer Deborah Nichols, Sergeant-at-Arms

1. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1-A. CONTINUED FROM 03/16/04
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL RELEASE – PUBIC EMPLOYEE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Review of Officer Involved Shootings and other
personnel matters. Government Code Section 54957.

1A-1. **ADOPTED**

1. OIS #019-03 One Police Officer II

1-B. **NOT DISCUSSED**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code Section 54957.

1. Chief of Police
2. Executive Director
3. Inspector General

The Board reconvened in Open Session to announce its decision regarding matters considered in Closed Session.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Skobin reported attending a community meeting in the West Valley Area.

Commissioner Skobin also attended a Spanish/American Police Command Officer's Association function where Captain Diaz was certified as president in the Hispanic Command Officer's Association.

President Cunningham stated that he and Commissioner Skobin visited the Police Academy Magnet School Program last week.

3. INFORMATION – FILED ITEMS

Information items on file, submitted for the period ending March 26, 2004.

RECEIVED and FILED.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4-A. APPROVED – TRANSMIT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

APPROVE the recommendation that the Board support Sheriff Baca's Los Angeles County Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative and FORWARD this recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration (Affirming the Board's decision of March 16, 2004).

The above matter was DISCUSSED with Commander Ken Brazile, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Saucedo moved, seconded by Commissioner Skobin, to SUPPORT Sheriff Baca's L.A. County Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative, and TRANSMIT this recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. Unanimously APPROVED.

4-B. ENTIRE MATTER CONTINUED TO APRIL 6, 2004

APPROVE the Board's recommendation that the Department should be moved from its current location (150 North Los Angeles Street) as soon as possible due to the unsafe conditions of this building; and, that the New Police Headquarters Facility should be built in the same location as the current Police Administration Building.

At this time, the Report of the Chief of Police was taken up.

6. REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Bratton gave the Department's "weekly crimes year to date" statistical report for the period ending March 27, 2004.

Chief Bratton stated that the Department and the City Attorney announced an injunction against the MS Gang last week in the Hollywood, Wilshire, and Rampart areas of the City.

Chief Bratton also announced that the Department had finally received authorization to hire their first class in April. The Department has not had a recruit class since October 2003.

5. INTRODUCTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTIN LUDLOW AND OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

Councilmember Ludlow welcomed everyone to the Tenth Council District and also thanked the Board, the Department, and the Community for attending this meeting tonight.

Councilmember Ludlow recognized the Neighborhood Councils, the Block Club Leaders, the Neighborhood Watch Leaders, and the DARE Leaders because they are the "eyes and the ears" that work with the Department to make this community safe.

Councilmember Ludlow gave Certificates of Appreciation to the following people:

Lieutenant Brian Pratt	Detective Ron Phillips
Detective Joel Price	Detective James Haze
Detective Kirby Coranza	Police Officer Todd Schmidt
Police Officer Tony Umancy	Police Officer Ben Jones
Police Officer Paul Corlaho	Police Officer Harry Cho
Police Officer Noel Meghoff	Police Officer Jeff Cortina
Police Officer Ken Callard	Police Officer Peter Mauck
Police Officer Unhel Julivarez	Lieutenant Greg Strength
Detective Don Richards	Detective Jeff Nolte
Detective Dawn Walters	Police Officer Robert Murray
Police Officer Andre Rainey	Police Officer Jason Delicova
Police Officer Sedrick Washington	Detective Ernie Garcia
Detective Dave Garito	Detective Robert Lake
Lieutenant Peter Wittingham	Police Officer Julie Munson
Detective Armando Moriel	Special Agent Scott Gariola
Police Officer Jeffrey Hoffmire	Police Officer Sue Bransetter
Police Officer James Ross	Special Agent Dan Trayhaun
Special Agent Kerry Rider	Detective James Yoshida
Detective Rick Gordon	

At this time, the Board presented the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medals to Taz Kato, Irma Rios, and Elaine Wicks.

The Board also gave Certificates of Appreciation to the following people:

Don Baker	Sue Baker
Dee Blithe	Rob Busher
Robert Coal	Edward Connery
Angela Evans	Yvette Jones
Mary Jones-Darks	Lavell Raines

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following persons addressed the Board on general issues:

David Ackerman, Joanne Williams, Mary Jones-Darks, Rochelle Browne, Margarit Cheeseboro, Rich Waters, Melissa Adams, Albert Lord, Joan Jackson, Thomas Martin, Dorothy Fuller, Sandra Gil, Iona Diggs, and Yvette Jones.

The public hearing was closed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion of adjournment at 7:46 p.m. was made by Commissioner Saucedo, seconded by Commissioner Skobin. Unanimously ADOPTED.

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.