



**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
Art Pick Council Chambers  
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

**CASE REVIEW – 4:00 PM**

**Case Review Roll Call**

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Ortiz	Jackson	Roberts	VACANT	Adams
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	■	✓

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**STAFF:** Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

**CPRC 2014 Officer Elections**

Annual election of CPRC Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chairwoman Roberts advised that candidate for Chair were Vice-Chair Jackson and Commissioner Ortiz; candidates for Vice-Chair were Commissioners Adams and Taylor. Chairwoman Roberts asked Mr. Hauptmann if he had received any other nominations. He said he had not.

Ms. Sherron called for the vote for Chair:

Adams	Ybarra	Hawkins	Taylor	Rotker	Jackson	Roberts	Ortiz	VACANT
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Ortiz	Ortiz	Jackson	Jackson	Ortiz	X

Ms. Sherron announced that Vice-Chair Jackson had 5 votes against Commissioner Ortiz' 3 votes and was now Chair.

Ms. Sherron called for the vote for Vice-Chair:

Adams	Ybarra	Hawkins	Taylor	Rotker	Jackson	Roberts	Ortiz	VACANT
Adams	Adams	Adams	Taylor	Taylor	Adams	Adams	Taylor	X

Ms. Sherron announced that Commissioner Adams had 5 votes against Commissioner Taylor's 3 votes and was now Vice-Chair.

**Public Comments**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on closed session items.

There were no public comments.

**Closed Session – Case Review**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:37 PM to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

	<b>CPRC CASE NO.</b>	<b>RPD CASE NO.</b>
1)	13-009	PC-13-04017
2)	13-033 / 13-037	PC-13-12062

The Commission recessed at 5:40 PM to reconvene in the Special Meeting.

## SPECIAL MEETING – 5:30 PM

Audio for the following proceedings is available on the CPRC website:

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### Regular Meeting Roll Call

Rotker	Hawkins	Ybarra	Taylor	Ortiz	Jackson	Roberts	VACANT	Adams
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#### Public Comments

Public comment on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction.

There were no public comments.

#### Dunbar Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation

Continued discussion and action, if any, on the Dunbar OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

- A) Stage I – Commission Member Review: Completed
- B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation: Completed
- C) Stage III – Policy and Procedure Process: Completed
- D) Stage IV – Deliberation and Finding Process: Completed
- E) Stage V – Recommendation Process: Completed
- F) Stage VI – Written Public Report: Draft v1

Chairwoman Jackson advised that they were now at Stage VI – Written Public Report, with Stages I – V having been completed. She then opened the item for discussion.

Commissioner Rotker said that Version 2 of the report was much improved over Version 1.

Commissioner Roberts said some punctuation corrections were needed, but that she would send that information to Ms. Sherron.

Commissioner Rotker then made the following motion:

Motion for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
That the Commission approve Version 2 of the Dunbar OID public report	Rotker	Ybarra	<b>Unanimous</b>	0	0

Chairwoman Jackson closed this item by noting they would now move on to the administrative review of the case.

### **Bond Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation**

Begin discussion on the Bond OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

- A) Stage I – Commission Member Review: In Process
- B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation
- C) Stage III – Policy and Procedure Process
- D) Stage IV – Deliberation and Finding Process
- E) Stage V – Recommendation Process
- F) Stage VI – Written Public Report

Chairwoman Jackson opened the item for discussion.

Commissioner Rotker said the officers acted in self-defense after Mr. Bond drew a gun on them.

Commissioner Taylor stated that the facts of the case are not in dispute. He said he would like to move to Stages II and III and begin working on the paperwork.

Vice-Chair Adams said there was a statement by Mr. Bond's girlfriend, recanting her allegations. She expressed concern that it was never addressed in the investigation. Other than that, she agreed with Commissioner Rotker's assessment of the incident.

Commissioner Ybarra noted that Mr. Bond's act of drawing a weapon on the officers set the incident in motion.

Vice-Chair Adams agreed, but questioned why the officers would still have continued their investigation regarding the allegations made by Mr. Bond's girlfriend.

Commissioner Ybarra didn't believe that mattered because it was Mr. Bond's actions that resulted in his death.

Commissioner Rotker said Vice-Chair Adams' question was reasonable and that he would prefer to wait for the fact sheet before discussing further.

Chairwoman Jackson asked Mr. Hauptmann when the fact sheet would be ready. Mr. Hauptmann said it should be done by week's end.

Chairwoman Jackson asked if it would be ready by the next meeting. Mr. Hauptmann said it would be.

Mr. Hauptmann also stated that when a warrant is issued for domestic violence, it is still pursued even if the victim recants. He noted that it is the state's responsibility to pursue those allegations.

Vice-Chair Adams said that Mr. Hauptmann's explanation answered her question.

Chairwoman Jackson said that everything the investigation team did progressed according to a very good plan and played out well. She noted that Mr. Bond made a choice and created his destiny by pointing a gun at the officers.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if, based on Mr. Hauptmann's explanation, the review would move on.

Chairwoman Jackson noted that the domestic violence victim wasn't the only person who said Mr. Bond was violent, but that others had noted his violence as well.

Chairwoman Jackson asked if commissioners needed more time on Stage I to review the case. As additional review time was not requested, she noted that Mr. Hauptmann had been asked to complete the fact sheet. She then asked if anyone felt that any training was required. There were no requests for training.

Chairwoman Jackson closed this item at Stage II, noting that they were waiting for the fact sheet before discussion continued.

### **Sherron Officer-Involved Death (OID) Case Evaluation**

Begin discussion on the Sherron OID Case Evaluation. The Commission may return to discussion of completed Stages, if needed.

- A) Stage I – Commission Member Review: In Process
- B) Stage II – Fact Finding, Request for Training & Investigation
- C) Stage III – Policy and Procedure Process
- D) Stage IV – Deliberation and Finding Process
- E) Stage V – Recommendation Process
- F) Stage VI – Written Public Report

Chairwoman Jackson opened by noting the decedent's name, along with the date, time, and location of the incident.

Commissioner Rotker gave a synopsis of the incident. He said he was convinced that Mr. Sherron had already decided he was going to die that day and let the officers do that for him. He said he would also be asking for training at the appropriate time.

Chairwoman Jackson said that CPRC Investigator Mike Bumcrot would be attending the next meeting. She said that his final report included attachments regarding "suicide by cop" and recommended that they be read.

Chairwoman Jackson asked if there were any other comments. As there were none, she asked Mr. Hauptmann about completion of the fact sheet. Mr. Hauptmann said he would try to have it ready by the next meeting.

Chairwoman Jackson asked Commissioner Rotker if he would now like to make his request for training.

Commissioner Rotker said he wanted training as to what responding officers do when they are dispatched to a suicidal person, how they are trained to proceed in these situations, and what the tactics are for a case like this.

Commissioner Hawkins asked Commissioner Rotker if he wanted training or clarification / explanation.

Commissioner Rotker said that for him, training is an explanation and that he wanted to know if something different could have been done.

Chairwoman Jackson asked Mr. Hauptmann to make the training request.

Mr. Hauptmann said he would make the request. He then asked Commissioner Rotker to explain again the type of training he was requesting.

Commissioner Rotker said he wanted to know what RPD does when responding to a call from someone who says "I'm going to shoot myself."

Mr. Hauptmann said he would look at RPD's tactical approach. He also noted that some of this is learned from people in the area when officers arrive on the scene. He said he would request training regarding RPD responses to subjects with and without a gun.

Commissioner Roberts asked if foot pursuits, such as a single officer versus two officers, could also be included in that training. She used the Dunbar OID and Officer Bonaminio's death as examples of officer pursuits.

Commissioner Taylor asked that the Commission be advised as to whether or not RPD policy has changed since the Sherron incident and if it has, that they be informed as to what the previous policy was and what it is now.

Commissioner Ybarra said that municipalities throughout the state and the country have dealt with incidents concerning emotionally disturbed individuals. He noted that this should be tied in with the information presented regarding "suicide by cop".

Vice-Chair Adams asked if the mental illness topic was still agendized for discussion. Ms. Sherron indicated that it was.

Chairwoman Jackson ended the current discussion in Stage II, noting they were now waiting for the fact sheet and information regarding the requested training.

### **2013 Annual Report**

Discussion and action, if any, on Draft No. 2 of the 2013 Annual Report.

Chairwoman Jackson opened by noting that all commissioners had been given a copy of Draft 2. She then called on Commissioner Taylor, Annual Report Committee Chair.

Commissioner Taylor asked commissioners to review the Draft 2 copy they had been given and that they e-mail Ms. Sherron with any corrections or modifications.

Chairwoman Jackson reminded the Commission that the report had to be approved on March 26<sup>th</sup> because it must be completed by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Commissioner Taylor also noted that Ms. Sherron would keep him updated on the report's progress.

Commissioner Rotker said that he liked the cover and that it appears to be an attractive report. He then asked Commissioner Roberts about the Chair's report.

Commissioner Roberts said she was almost finished and that it would be submitted in time for approval at next meeting.

Mr. Hauptmann said it was a nice report and thanked the Committee for its work.

Chairwoman Jackson thanked the Committee for its work on the report. She also thanked Ms. Sherron for all her work preparing the report.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if there was a reason the badge was more defined. Ms. Sherron said it was intentional, but that she wanted to modify it to be more of a watermark. She said that if the badge was too pronounced, it would detract from the officers' pictures. She noted that the cover was still a work in progress.

Mr. Hauptmann said it would be good to have some cover options. Ms. Sherron said that, in the past, covers have had scenery-type photos and that several options had been provided for review. She noted that this cover was different and that she had not yet come up with various options to present to the Commission.

Commissioner Taylor said that after his review of the report, he had questioned whether or not there were any officer commendations, but had learned there had been none.

Chairwoman Jackson advised that she and Ms. Sherron would be meeting next Thursday to work on the cover.

Chairwoman Jackson asked if there were any additional comments. As there were none, she asked that commissioners review the copy they had been given and to send any changes to Ms. Sherron.

### **Staff Report**

Mr. Hauptmann informed the Commission that the RFP for the 2015 NACOLE Conference had been submitted. He said it is a very good proposal, very professional, and that he would bring copies to the next meeting. He thanked the NACOLE committee for all its work and said that the selection should be made in May, or June, at the latest.

Chairwoman Jackson said she was hoping for early notification in May. She felt that the Riverside Convention & Visitors Bureau, along with the NACOLE Team, did a good job of showing the NACOLE representative, Cameron [McElhiney], around Riverside, and that Cameron seemed to be very impressed. Chairwoman Jackson said she is keeping her fingers crossed that Riverside is selected.

### **Commission Member Comments**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

Commissioner Ortiz said he went on an RPD helicopter ride-along. He said the helicopters are a fantastic resource and this sort of ride-along is worth taking advantage of.

Chairwoman Jackson acknowledged Vice-Chair Adams for her work as Outreach Coordinator. She noted that since Commissioner Adams is now the vice-chair, a new coordinator is needed.

Commissioner Roberts said she recommended any of the commissioners who are retired.

Commissioner Ortiz congratulated the new CPRC officers.

### **Items for Future Commission Consideration**

There were no items noted for future Commission consideration.

### **Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
PHOEBE SHERRON  
Sr. Office Specialist