

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PUBLIC PROTECTON COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 22, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

**Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley**

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512
Oakland, CA 94612**

Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

I. Alameda County Public Defenders' Post Conviction Unit Update – *continued to a future meeting*

Presenters: Brendon D. Woods, Alameda County Public Defender
Loren Williams, Alameda County Assistant Public Defender
Taylor Kohles, Holistic Defense Mitigation Specialist (LCSW)

II. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Ordinance Implementing AB 1185, including a Sheriff Oversight Board, Office of Inspector General, and Inspector General

[Attachment](#)

Andrea Weddle, Chief Assistant County Counsel, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Draft Ordinance Implementing AB 1185, including a Sheriff Oversight Board, Office of Inspector General, and Inspector General.

The speaker begins by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to present on the issue of sheriff's oversight. They introduce a draft ordinance dated February 13, 2024, which draws from various legal sources including California constitutional provisions, state laws, case law, and the Alameda County charter. The ordinance is influenced by a report from former Chief Still, adopted by the BOS in the fall of the 2023r.

The ordinance establishes a Sheriff's Oversight Board with seven members, as recommended in the Still Report. The process for appointing these members involves nominations from an advisory selection panel and final appointments by the BOS. Terms are set for four years with a maximum of three terms and a cap of 12 years, subject to waiver by the board. Vacancies are filled through standard appointment procedures.

The ordinance outlines provisions for the chair's selection, quorum requirements, and decision-making processes. It also addresses eligibility criteria for board members, including residency requirements and disqualifications related to employment with the county or law enforcement agencies. There are suggestions for further clarification regarding exclusions related to legal proceedings and current contractors of the county.

The speaker is discussing the details of an ordinance related to the establishment and powers of an Oversight Board and an Office of the Inspector General. They mention specific subsections of the ordinance and explain various provisions, such as the board's meeting schedule, the role of the County Council, requirements for training, and the subpoena power of the Oversight Board. They also address the interaction between these bodies and the sheriff's office, emphasizing the need to respect legal constraints and constitutional authorities. Additionally, they touch upon confidentiality issues and annual reporting requirements. The speaker concludes by mentioning the formation of the Office of the Inspector General and the logistical challenges involved in its establishment.

Speakers

Bob Britton, Lisa, Alison Hayden, Jean Moses, Tuan, unknown speaker, Catherine, Richard Speigman, Lou Anne McKeefery, unknown speaker, Bruce Schmiechen, Sandy Kurtz, Pamela Drake, Mike Kellett commented on the Draft Ordinance Implementing AB 1185, including a Sheriff Oversight Board, Office of Inspector General, and Inspector General.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other

Recommendation from the Public Protection Committee:

- 1) Draft ordinance to come before the BOS within 30 days
- 2) Amendments based on today's discussion to full BOS
- 3) Authorize independent counsel
- 4) Strong encourage Sheriff's participation
- 5) Exclude Law enforcement and non-Alameda County residents
- 6) The Executive Director to be hired by the Inspector General

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tuan commented about the public safety issues in Oakland and businesses are closing due to lack of police response.

Jean Moses commented that the Board should stick to the timeline for implementation of the Sheriff's Oversight and Inspector General.

Alison Hayden commented on government overreach, and she asked for transparency and accountability to the people.

Kelly Abreu commented on delays of the Board in approving an ambulance contract. that the Public Protection Committee is responsible for overseeing timelines. He suggested that the board investigate the reasons for prolonged approval processes.

Tracy Rosenberg commented on the Sheriff's Office use of military equipment. She asked for clarification on the revisions to the usage policy for drones.

Lou Anne McKeefery commented on that the Public Protection Committee should hold a meeting to discuss the migrant caravans passing through the southern border of the United States and the impacts on California.

Mike Kellett commented on the perceived destructive cultural and political policies influenced by Marxist ideologies. He cites that there is a decline in education standards and urges a return to principles rooted in truth.

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