

CITY of OAKLAND | POLICE COMMISSION

250 FRANK H. OGAWA PLAZA, SUITE 6302 • OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612

On January 31, 2023, Dr. Tyfahra Milele (Chair of the Oakland Police Commission) issued the following statement:

The Oakland Police Commission is the City's police reform body vested with oversight authority over the Oakland Police Department and Chief of Police.

The most recent Court order and release of a report from the law firm retained by the City has, among other things, led to the placement of Chief of Police LeRonne Armstrong on administrative leave. While neither the Commission nor its Chair participated in the making of that decision, the Commission remains committed to exercising all of our oversight obligations.

The Commission wants to acknowledge the Office of the City Attorney's role in providing the Commission with documents responsive to its January 26th Request, as soon the Commission voted on its request. The documents the Commission received last week did not exist at the time of the October 11, 2022 letter. We are reliably informed that as the City receives additional documents responsive to the Commission's January 26th request, those documents will be promptly produced to ensure the Commission can exercise its oversight role consistent with the City Charter.

At its last meeting on January 26, 2023, the Commission voted to make a formal request pursuant to Oakland City Charter § 604(f)(2) for the City and Police Department to provide the Commission with access to all records and files related to the internal affairs cases recently discussed in the Court's Order. Now that the Commission has received some of the confidential records with the vote at its last meeting, the Commission is calling a special closed session meeting for Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

We want to remind the public that closed session under the "discipline/dismissal/release" of public employee is a caption required by law to discuss issues relating to any employee under the Commission's jurisdiction. No one should assume that any conclusions have been reached nor any decisions have been made.

The public can be assured that the Commission will always act in accordance with the facts available to it, the laws binding it, its obligation of fairness and due process, and the best interests of the people of the City of Oakland.

Our agenda is available online at the following link: Our agenda is available online at the following link:

Link: Oakland Police Commission Meeting on February 2, 2023

Links: Public Statement from January 19, 2023

Public Statement from January 23, 2023