

# **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Broadmoor Police Protection District** 

# Minutes of April 23, 2021 **SPECIAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM, by Commissioner Kucharszky.

Pledge of Allegiance.

# PRESENT:

Commissioners: Commissioner Hutchens, Commissioner Kucharszky, Commissioner Brizuela, Joseph Charles (via zoom), Greg Reubens, Chief Connolly and members of the public were present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Re-vote to fill the vacancy due to the former Commissioner Sylvia Koh's resignation
- Explanation was given to the public by Commission Chair Kucharszky.

Questions were brought to the attention of the Commission regarding how they went about the appointment of Ms. Brizuela. Today we will address this by having a re-vote. At the time of the vote, Marie will recuse herself from the meeting. She will leave the room while a re-vote takes place, then she will be called back into the room once the voting has been completed.

Greg Rubens stated that Ms. Brizuela has left the room.

Joseph Charles is Deputy county counsel. His client is the Broadmoor district. The district was served with a lawsuit at the last meeting which alleges that the board did not comply with the Brown Act because the board did not vote publicly on the board appointment. The board disagrees with that allegation but out of an abundance of caution and pursuant to government code section 54960.1, the Board has decided to vote again on this appointment to cure and correct any alleged failures.

• Motion by: Commissioner Kucharszky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hutchens – to have a re-vote of Ms. Brizuela to be appointed as a Police Commissioner.

At this point, Commission Chair Kucharszky and Commissioner Hutchens re-voted to fill the vacancy created by former Sylvia Koh's resignation.

Motion by: Commissioner Kucharszky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hutchens –
unanimously approved & accepted the re-vote of Ms. Brizuela to be appointed as
a Police Commissioner was approved. (2-0 in favor of Marie Brizuela)

Ms. Brizuela was brought back into the room so that Commissioner Kucharszky could administer the Oath of Office to Ms. Brizuela

Greg Reubens, Special Counsel for the District spoke and explained that members of the public will be allowed to speak:

- John Duncan voiced his opinion relating to the allegations brought against Chief Connolly and requests that due process be followed.
- Leah- citizen of Broadmoor for 20 years PD and citizens has always been good.
   She feels justice should be served, find loophole, and find whatever needs to be done to make things right
- Eileen Curtain-sister of Chief Connolly. Asks that the Commissioners not be someone's puppet, dig deep, make this right and do this respectfully and properly. The situation happening in Broadmoor is above and beyond Mayberry. The district needs help!

Greg Reubens explained that we will now start the Closed Session. The room was cleared, Mr. Charles and Chief Connolly excused themselves from the room also. The Commission Chair will text Mr. Charles once closed session has been completed so he can re-convene.

# **CLOSED SESSION:**

• The Board room is open and no reportable action out of the closed session

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kucharszky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hutchens

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Brizuela, Secretary