

**Broadmoor Police Protection District  
Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting is called to order at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Aguerre leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Aguerre, Hall, and Hutchens are present. District Manager Connolly, Counsel Davis, and members of the public are also present.
3. **Public Comment:**
  - (a) **Corporal Michael Davis**, President of the Broadmoor Police Officers Association, speaks to welcome Commissioners Aguerre and Hall to the Commission. He comments that he looks forward to collaborating with the new commissioner and Commissioner Hutchens to lead the District and to support its officers and employees.
4. **Chief's Report:** Chief Connolly reports that the District's retention of NBS to examine property tax assessments for parcels in the District has resulted in an additional \$280,000 in annual revenue to the District. Chief Connolly also reports that the District presently employs seven officers and is hiring for one additional vacancy.

Commissioner Hall asks what the total potential revenue might be from collecting back taxes on incorrectly assessed parcels. Chief Connolly states that revenue will exceed \$1.1 million, but total will depend on applicable statute of limitations.

Commissioner Hutchens asks what effect federal immigration enforcement might have on District's staffing. Chief Connolly responds that ultimate effects of federal immigration enforcement in the District remain uncertain.

5. **Consent Agenda:**

(a) **January 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Aguerre asks to amend minutes to reflect that Commissioner Hutchens moved to appoint Commissioner Aguerre Chair, himself treasurer, and Commissioner Hall secretary. Commissioner Aguerre also asks to amend minutes to reflect that there was no mention of link between the ongoing *Five Points* litigation and September 2021 disbanding of reserve force. Commission Aguerre moves to approve the Minutes subject to the foregoing corrections. Commissioner Hutchens seconds. Commissioner Hall abstains. The motion passes with Commissioners Aguerre and Hutchens voting in favor and Commissioner Hall abstaining.

(b) **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Hall removes Treasurer's Report from the Consent Agenda because of a question regarding item no. 9264, a payment from the District to the Broadmoor Police Officers Association. Commissioner Hall explains she is concerned that direct payments from the District to its labor union violated the Meyers Miliias Brown Act. Chief Connolly explains that the District's payroll vendor, ADP, could not accommodate withholdings for union dues from officer paychecks, but that the payment represents amounts that would have been withheld from officer's

paychecks, provided that they opted into BPOA membership. Commissioner Aguerre moves to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Hutchens seconds the motion. The motion passes with Commissioners Aguerre and Hutchens voting in favor and Commissioner Hall voting against.

## 6. Open Session:

**(a) Policies for Commissioner Training:** Continued discussion from the January 2025 meeting. Commissioner Aguerre describes the training opportunities for special district board members with the California Special Districts Association. He suggests that the member of the Commission should commit to completing Unlocking the Brown Act, Transparency in Action, and mandatory AB 1234 ethics courses through CSDA. Commissioner Hall concurs, stating that all of her experiences with CSDA training have been excellent and that the live trainings are particularly useful because of the opportunity to ask presenters questions. Commissioner Aguerre moves to require the Commissioners to complete Unlocking the Brown Act, Transparency in Action, and mandatory AB 1234 ethics courses through CSDA by January 31, 2026. Commissioner Hall seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**(b) Information Technology Upgrade:** Officer Andrew Mew explains to the Commission that the District's computers have reached the end of their life, preventing necessary software updates. Officer Mew explains the process by which the District selected a vendor to provide the new computers and that the upgrades will cost less than \$6,000. Commissioner Aguerre moves to accept proposal to purchase new computers. Commissioner Hutchens seconds the motion. The motion passes with Commissioners Aguerre and Hutchens voting in favor and Commissioner Hall abstaining.

**(c) Legal Billing Guidelines:** Commissioner Hall explains that the District's legal spending has run 33% ahead of budget since the District's fiscal crisis in August 2023 and that the District has paid thousands of dollars for apparently duplicative, unnecessary legal services. She believes clear guidelines about what are legal services and appropriate billing practices will force the District's counsel to be more mindful in their billings to the District and ultimately save the District and its taxpayers money.

Chief Connolly responds that he is concerned that only Davis Law Firm's invoices were attached to the proposal and do not provide a comprehensive picture of the District's legal spending. He also observes that outside counsel has successfully settled matters with CalPERS. Commissioner Hall responds that she would happily table the proposal to a future meeting, subject to the review of Best Best & Krieger, Colantuono High Smith & Whatley, and Porter & Scott's invoices. Commissioner Aguerre explains that he is afraid he does not understand the purpose and scope of legal billing guidelines. Former Commissioner James Kucharszky and his wife, Lisa, disrupt the meeting. Commissioner Aguerre calls for a point of order and re-opens public comment.

- i. **Francis Hall**, member of the public, expresses frustration at the disruption to the

Commission's discussion. Commissioner Aguerre responds that he is committed to maintaining order moving forward and thanks Mr. Hall for the comment.

- ii. **Carolyn Shaw**, member of the public, comments that she fears "an eruption of liability" related to ongoing lawsuits and CalPERS and is concerned that residents do not understand the District's potential liability and insurance coverage for those potential liability. Commissioner Connolly responds that the District's dealing with CalPERS "will be ended within a year" and that the District is awaiting a court decision. Counsel Davis states that "the worst case scenario on CalPERS is that it will cost us about \$1,700."
- iii. **John Armfield**, member of the public, questions the "Staffing Philosophy" section of the proposed billing guidelines and states that the District should "hire the best law firm we can for the best price we can." Commissioner Hall responds that the Staffing Philosophy section aims to encourage firms to staff the District's matters as leanly and efficiently as possible, to avoid duplication of work.

After public comment is closed, Commissioner Aguerre moves to table the legal billing guidelines to April 8, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Hall seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

7. **Next Meeting.** The Commission's next regular meeting will be March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at 388 88<sup>th</sup> Street.
8. **Adjournment.** Commissioner Aguerre moves to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hutchens seconds. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Commissioner Andrea M. Hall, Secretary