



# COUNTY of VENTURA

## PUBLIC SAFETY RACIAL EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP

### MEETING MINUTES

1911 WILLIAMS DRIVE, OXNARD, CA

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

5:30 PM -7:30 PM

#### MEETING PARTICIPATION:

**Topic:** PSREAG Meeting

**Location:** Ventura County Behavioral Health  
Large Training Room  
1911 Williams Drive, Oxnard, CA

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## **OPENING**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER (5 MIN)**

- a. Welcome
- b. Spotlight a Group Norm
- c. Roll Call & Confirm Quorum
  - i. **Member Organizations' Representatives physically present:**
    - 1. **Black Lawyers of VC, Cynthia Gonzales & Damon Jenkins**
    - 2. **Conejo Valley Interfaith Association, Bob Bland & Willie Lubka**
    - 3. **Diversity Collective of VC, Roland Catabona**
    - 4. **Latinx Bar Association, Vanessa Valdez**
    - 5. **MICOP, Vanessa Tern**
    - 6. **Project 50, Dexter Nunnery**
    - 7. **Santa Paula Latino Town Hall, Christina Eilar**
    - 8. **Santa Paula Police Department, Commander Eric Starna**
    - 9. **VC District Attorney, Mike Jump**
    - 10. **VC Probation, Gina Johnson & Candice Modica**
    - 11. **VC Public Defender, Claudia Bautista & Brooke Lautz**
  - ii. **Quorum Established**
  - iii. **Others present:**
    - 1. **Amy Peake**
    - 2. **Barbara Macri-Ortiz (online)**
    - 3. **Commander Dino Worthy, VC Sheriff's Office**
    - 4. **Gabriel Palafox**
    - 5. **Kate English**
    - 6. **Rajima Danish-Engel (online)**
    - 7. **Sarah Garcia**
    - 8. **Vanessa Frank (online)**
- d. Review Agenda

### **2. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES (5 MIN)**

- a. **Minutes for 03.06.25 meeting approved**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND/OR FOR OTHER ITEMS WITHIN PSREAG SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION (10 MIN).**

- a. PSREAG members please reserve your comments for specific agenda items or for the allotted time for Member and Staff Comments at the end of the agenda.
- b. *All public comments regarding public safety and racial equity are welcome and encouraged. However, please note that the PSREAG does not investigate complaints regarding individual incidents involving law enforcement. Formal complaints should be submitted to the involved law enforcement agency.*

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**4. RATIFY/CONFIRM ALL MEMBER LEADS AND ALTERNATES (5 MIN)**

- a. Presentation by DEI Staff
- b. **Changes to roster:**
  - i. **Removal of NAACP VC Branch**
  - ii. **Addition of Meghan Salas as new alternate with Ivan Vega as lead for Future Leaders of America**
  - iii. **Addition of Rio Lorenzo as new alternate with Vanessa Terán as lead for MICOP**
- c. **Roster ratified with the inclusion of changes noted above.**

**5. PSREAG MEMBER PRESENTATION SPOTLIGHT (10 MIN)**

- a. Latinx Bar Association
  - i. **Presentation by Vanessa Valdez**
- b. Member Discussion

**6. CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS ITEM TO ADOPT ANNUAL FOCUS AREAS FOR 2025 (20 MIN)**

- a. Presentation by DEI Staff
  - i. Review Guiding Questions
  - ii. **Presented by Sarah Garcia**
- b. Member Discussion
- c. Consider Action to Approve
  - i. **Know Your Rights/Community Info Share and Traffic Stops approved as 2025 focus areas by unanimous vote.**

**7. CONSIDER ACTION TO FORM AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE/S RELATED TO ANNUAL FOCUS AREAS (20 MIN)**

- a. Presentation by DEI Staff
  - i. **Presented by Sarah Garcia**
- b. Member Discussion
- c. Consider Action to Form Ad Hoc Subcommittees
  - i. **Ad Hoc Subcommittees formed by unanimous vote, with membership as follows:**
    - 1. **Know Your Rights/Community Info Share:**
      - a. **Black Lawyers of VC**
      - b. **Conejo Valley Interfaith Association**
      - c. **Latinx Bar Association**
      - d. **Probation**
      - e. **Santa Paula Latino Town Hall**
      - f. **Santa Paula Police Department**
    - 2. **Traffic Stops:**
      - a. **Black Lawyers of VC**
      - b. **Conejo Valley Interfaith Association**
      - c. **District Attorney**
      - d. **MICOP**
      - e. **Project 50**
      - f. **Public Defender**
  - ii. **Up to one more member may be added to both ad**

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- iii. **ODEI Staff to reach out to absent organizations regarding their interest in serving on the ad hoc committees.**

**8. REVIEW PROCESS FOR FILLING COMMUNITY GROUP MEMBER VACANCY ON PSREAG AND CONSIDER ACTION TO FORM AN AD HOC TO REVIEW POTENTIAL MEMBERS (10 MIN)**

- a. Presentation by DEI Staff
  - i. **Presented by Sarah Garcia**
- b. Member Discussion
- c. Consider Action to Form Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  - i. **Ad Hoc Subcommittee formed by unanimous vote with membership as follows:**
    - 1. **Conejo Valley Interfaith Association**
    - 2. **Latinx Bar Association**
    - 3. **Public Defender**

**9. REVIEW PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR ELECTION A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY CHAIR (10 MIN)**

- a. Presentation by DEI Staff
  - i. **Presented by Sarah Garcia**
- b. Member Discussion
  - i. **ODEI Staff to send out nomination survey**

**10. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS (10 MIN)**

- a. Opportunity for announcements from members and staff.

**11. ADJOURN**

- a. **Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**

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