

UNAPPROVED

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
MARCH 27, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ojeisekhoba.

ROLL CALL

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission was present with Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Ojeisekhoba, and Peters responding to roll call. Commissioner Maldonado was absent.

The following staff members were also present: Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez, Traffic Engineer Bill Zimmerman, Public Safety Supervisor Mary Cipres, and Secretary Emily Benavidez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REORGANIZATION

1. REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Covarrubias seconded to nominate Commissioner Dahl to serve as Chair for the current unexpired term ending in June.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Dahl, Ojeisekhoba, Peters
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None**

Chair Dahl moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to nominate Commissioner Covarrubias to serve as Vice Chair for the current unexpired term ending in June.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Covarrubias, Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Chair Dahl
NOES: None**

ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2025

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2025 of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

3. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Vice Chair Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2025 of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

4. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Fire Department addressed the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. They reported on the Fire Department's activities and trends.

5. MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT – JANUARY 2025

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Traffic Report.

Vice Chair Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for January 2025.

AYES: Commissioners Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

6. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin and Sergeant Rodriguez provided information on the Crime Report.

Vice Chair Covarrubias moved and Commissioner Ojeisekhoba seconded to receive and file the Traffic Report for February 2025.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

7. MONTHLY TRAFFIC STUDY STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2025

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin reported on the Traffic Study Status Report.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Commissioner Peters seconded to receive and file the Traffic Study Status Report for March 2025.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. TRAFFIC STUDY OF VALEDA DRIVE ADJACENT TO GARDENHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that at the January 23 Commission meeting, the Commission approved a traffic study to determine if it would be appropriate to remove the red curbing on Valeda Drive adjacent to Gardenhill Elementary School.

The City's Traffic Engineer studied the location and reported the findings. He said it was determined that the removal of the existing red curbing and the installation of red curbing just east of the existing red curbing on Valeda Drive would enhance the crossing guard's line of sight of the east leg of the intersection at Burgess Avenue.

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report. Vice Chair Covarrubias suggested installing white curbing for a loading and unloading zone where the red curbing currently exists on Valeda Drive.

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to approve the modified recommendation to replace 50 feet of the existing red curbing on the south side of Valeda Drive at Burgess Avenue with white curbing and a loading and unloading zone and install 40 feet of red curbing just east of that location.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

9. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF STAMY ROAD AND GRANADA AVENUE

Assistant City Manager Haraksin reported that resident Richard Kine submitted a letter to the City requesting the installation of red curbing on the west side of Stamy Road south of Granada Avenue. She said in his attached letter, Mr. Kine said that when a vehicle is parked at the location, visibility is obstructed for motorists traveling eastbound on Granada Avenue and turning southbound on Stamy Road.

Commissioner Peters moved and Vice Chair Covarrubias seconded to assign the Traffic Engineer and Commissioner Peters to study Stamy Road and Granada Avenue.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Ojeisekhoba, Peters, Vice Chair Covarrubias, Chair Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Maldonado
ABSTAIN: None

10. UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) PROGRAM

Public Safety Supervisor Mary Cipres reported on the Community Emergency Response Team’s activities. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING ELECTRIC BICYCLES

Assistant City Manager Haraksin presented sample ordinances from other cities establishing regulations pertaining to electric bicycles. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission reviewed and discussed the report. The Commission expressed support for the development of a draft ordinance to be presented at a future meeting.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ojeisekhoba welcomed Steven Dahl to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He thanked the LA County Fire Dept. for their service to the community in the recent fires.

Commissioner Peters expressed her gratitude to staff for the CERT and e-bike reports. She thanked the LA County Fire Dept for their service. She also welcomed Chair Dahl to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

Vice Chair Covarrubias expressed his gratitude to the LA county Fire Dept and Law Enforcement for their service. He welcomed Chair Dahl to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission as well. He thanked Mary Cipres for the CERT report. He also highlighted the City of La Mirada’s 65th Anniversary celebration.

Chair Dahl expressed his gratitude to Councilmember De Ruse for appointing him to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He welcomed Commissioner Peters to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission. He also congratulated the City of La Mirada on its 65th Anniversary.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Haraksin congratulated Mr. Dahl and Mr. Covarrubias on their nominations as chair and vice chair of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Public Safety and Traffic Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Emily Benavidez, Secretary

Chair