

**COUNTY OF MARIN
CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:00 pm
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903

Commissioners Present: McEvoy, Lee, Gaston, Oldham-Robinett, Chan, Echeverria.

Commissioners Absent: Cieslak-Sandoval, Fromer, Mcinerney

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McEvoy at 6:00 PM. Commissioners Cieslak-Sandoval, Fromer, Mcinerney could not attend and were excused from the meeting.

Opening Remarks:

The Land and Labor Acknowledgement was read by Commissioner Lee.

2. Public Open Time

No members of the public commented during public open time.

3. Consideration of the Draft Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2026

The Commission considered the August 24, 2026, meeting minutes. No members of the public commented on this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Echeverria to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Updates and Announcements

a. Sheriff's Office Liaison

Sheriff's Office Liaison Lieutenant Hugh Baker provided updates to the Commission, including how grievances from jail prisoners are tracked, and his intention to prepare for a future Commission meeting a statistical report about complaints received over the last five years. Commissioners asked questions and discussed the information presented.

b. Inspector General

Inspector General John Alden provided updates on community outreach, Commissioner training opportunities, and upcoming jail tours and ride-alongs. He also shared information on the upcoming NACOLE conference and additional training opportunities for Commissioners.

c. Ad Hoc Subcommittees

The Commission received updates from the following Ad Hoc Subcommittees:

- **The Surveillance Technologies Ad Hoc Subcommittee** reported that it continues to meet regularly and is gathering information on Automated License Plate Readers, including Flock, and the Peregrine system. The subcommittee is meeting with the Sheriff's Office, community representatives, subject matter experts, and other jurisdictions and reviewing relevant data, contracts, and other materials to inform recommendations to the full Commission. 2026-27 Training Priorities
- **The Outreach and Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittee** reported on its work to develop a web and social media strategy and outreach materials, including a Letter of Introduction and a business card with a QR code linking to the Commission website. The subcommittee also shared an upcoming community engagement opportunity at *Come to the Table* on October 10, where Inspector General John Alden is scheduled to speak,
- **The Training Priorities Ad Hoc Subcommittee** reported that it identified hands-on training, including jail tours and ride-alongs, as a priority and recommended connecting future training more directly to the Commission's powers and responsibilities. The subcommittee also identified Sheriff's Office communications with ICE, RIPA data, and mental health crisis response procedures as priority topics and plans to meet every two months to guide future training.
- **The Annual Report Ad Hoc Subcommittee** reported that it developed a proposed table of contents and assigned sections of the draft report to staff and Commissioners. The report is expected to cover the Commission's creation, membership, Year One accomplishments, the Inspector General, and current ad hoc subcommittees, with a draft anticipated for Commission consideration before the end of the year.

d. Commissioner Updates

No updates.

Two members of the public commented on the Updates and Announcements item. The item was for discussion only, and no action was taken.

5. Staff Orientation to Operational Agreements; Commission Input on Operational Agreement

Inspector General Alden provided an overview of operational agreements and the development of the Operational Agreement between the Office of Inspector General and the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioners posed questions about the scope of the Operational Agreement, including access to information, confidentiality requirements, the distinction between complaints

and grievances, subpoena authority, voluntary requests for information, and what Commissioners may disclose after reviewing a complaint.

They also discussed how and when the Commission would be informed of new investigations and requested broad, regular access to information on new complaints, their status and disposition, complaint and grievance categories, and overall statistics, with the ability to request additional detail on specific complaints. Commissioners emphasized that investigations should be timely, complete, and transparent and asked staff to explore whether certain updates could be provided in closed session.

Two members of the public commented on this item. The item was for discussion only, and no action was taken.

6. Commission Work Plan Update for Year Two

The Commission reviewed proposed Year Two Work Plan priorities and discussed areas of focus for the coming year.

No members of the public commented on this item.

Commissioner Chan moved to receive the report and continue the Year 1 Work Plan into the upcoming year, understanding that Work Plan Phases Two and Three would be the work to complete in Year Two. Commissioner Echeverria seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Lee, Gaston, Oldham-Robinett, Chan, Echeverria

Noes: McEvoy

7. Future Meeting Schedule and Retreat Discussion

This item was continued to a future meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.