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At Rules today. Jenkins' attempt to send back reappointments of Police Commission Chair Garcia-Acosta & alt Farmer, boomeranged right back to Rules a week later with a note from CAO about the fact that full Council has the charter-mandated role here.

### 3 New Scheduling Items

- 3.1**    Subject:    Selection Panel Nominations For Police Commissioner Appointments  
From:        Office Of The City Administrator  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution Accepting The Police Commission Selection Panel's Slate Of Two Police Commissioners Ricardo Garcia-Acost And Omar Farmer, To Serve On The Oakland Police Commission; On The October 7, 2025 City Council Agenda On Consent

[26-0069](#)

**Sponsors:**

Office Of The City Administrator

*Rule 24: In accordance with Charter Section 604(c)(3), the Selection Panel must submit its slate to the City Council for approval. To prevent a vacancy in a commission position, we request that this item be adopted at the next council meeting since the current commission members' terms expire on October 16*

**Legislative History**

9/25/25

\*Rules & Legislation  
Committee

Withdrawn with No New Date

Jenkins responded that Rule 19 puts the appointments before Rules first. [but it does not say that the Chair can unilaterally remove the item from consideration from the Rules Committee]

**Rule 19.     Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Other Bodies**

For any appointment to a board or commission that requires Council confirmation, the City official making the appointment or recommendation shall submit to the City Clerk, in accordance with the Sunshine Ordinance, the following for inclusion in the agenda-related materials: the person's name, resume, and any application and other materials the person submitted. A Council resolution is required to confirm such appointments and such resolution shall be scheduled pursuant to Rule 24.

Appointments by the Mayor to the Planning Commission, the Port Commission, the Housing, Residential Rent & Relocation Board, and the Police Commission shall first be scheduled to and considered by the Rules and Legislation Committee before being scheduled to the full Council.

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The item was scheduled, tho

Reading this more carefully, the rule mandates placement on the Rules Committee agenda for full committee review "SHALL first be scheduled to and CONSIDERED by the Rules and Legislation Committee before being scheduled to the full Council"

Likely due to reporting of OO and OS about committee revelations that Martin Marietta refuses to sign a required document to refrain from contracting for border wall, necessitating a waiver of Oakland sanctuary law, Jenkins sought commentary from OakDOT/DPW, but no one responded

CPA's Millie Cleveland asks what the basis of Jenkins' removal of selection panel appointments was, Jenkins repeated it was Rule 19. Jenkins responded that it is now scheduled for Rules to discuss, but that's on 10/16. Per CAO, that's the day that the current appointment expires.

So to consolidate what happened here: Jenkins first unilaterally removed item & said he was sending it back for consideration last week. He now says it must be heard first at Rules, but not until October 16. The current appointments will terminate that day.

For context, a Planning Commission appointment was removed last week from the bulk Rules agenda and placed on items for consideration on today's Rules agenda. But the Planning Commission appts passed without any discussion at all.

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**3.30** Subject: Reappointments To City Planning Commission  
From: Office Of The Mayor  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution Confirming The Mayor's Reappointment Of Alex Randolph And Josie Ahrens To The City Planning Commission; On The October 7, 2025 City Council Agenda On Consent  
**26-0080**

**Sponsors:** Office Of The Mayor

**This City Resolution be Withdrawn with No New Date.**

**5** Subject: Reappointments To City Planning Commission  
From: Office Of The Mayor  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution Confirming The Mayor's Reappointment Of Alex Randolph And Josie Ahrens To The City Planning Commission  
[26-0043](#)

**Sponsors:** Office Of The Mayor

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*Pursuant To Rule 28(A) Of Resolution 90066 C.M.S., This Item Was Added To This Agenda*

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