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CLEVELAND, Ohio-The Cleveland Community Police Commission will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 25 and for the first time since commission members were sworn-in late last year. The 13 member commission was established by Cleveland voters via a ballot initiative for police reforms with Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb having authority under the city charter to appoint 10 commission members with the approval of city council and city council, under the leadership of Council President Blaine Griffin, who is Black like Mayor Bibb, three members.

The city and the U.S. Department of Justice are parties to a court-monitored consent decree for police reforms implemented in 2015 following heightened complaints of police misconduct and several questionable police killings of Blacks, including Tamir Rice, Tanisha Anderson, Malissa Williams, Timothy Russell, rapper Kenneth "Ball" Smith, Brandon Jones, and more. The CPC was initially created in 2015 in connection with the consent decree and was revised pursuant to Issue 24, a charter amendment for police reforms approved by Cleveland voters in 2021 that expanded the commission and gave it more authority and autonomy.

New Cleveland Community Police Commissioners to meet January 25 and for the first time since being sworn in

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The process for selecting the 13 commission members, though outlined by the city charter, has been steeped in controversy following complaints and a protest from the framers of Issue 24, who are primarily Black Cleveland community activists and Black families who have lost loved ones to Cleveland police killings.

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE: The public is invited to watch the livestream on TV20 and on the [CPC YouTube Channel](#). Commissioners will meet at the Community Police Commission Conference Room, 3631 Perkins Avenue, 4th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

WHAT: All 13 Community Police Commissioners (CPC) will meet for the first time in 2023 for an orientation session before the Commission begins its formal training. The four-hour orientation will serve as an opportunity for Commissioners to be introduced to existing CPC staff and past Commissioners, the Monitoring Team, City leadership, and members of Citizens for a Safer Cleveland. This meeting allows for Commissioners to ask questions and engage with key stakeholders

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A formal training program
and schedule
is
forthcoming.

Media availability can be arranged directly with attendees after the orientation meeting concludes.

WHO: All 13 Community Police Commissioners, Administrative Manager Jason Goodrick, CPC staff and past Commissioners, Interim Monitor Ayesha Bell Hardaway, Law Director Mark Griffin, Chief Ethics Officer Delanté Spencer Thomas, Police Accountability Team Executive Director Dr. Leigh Anderson, Chief Director of Public Safety Karrie Howard and members of Citizens for a Safer Cleveland.

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