



Commission on Police Practices

COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND AD HOC PERSONNEL COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

4:30pm-7:30pm

**Balboa Park Santa Fe Room
2144 Pan American W. Road
San Diego, CA 92101**

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CPP Commissioners Present:

Chair Gloria Tran
1st Vice Chair Dennis Brown
2nd Vice Chair Doug Case
John Armantrout
Bonnie Benitez
Alec Beyer
Stephen Chatzky
Lupe Diaz (arrived at 4:38 pm)

Armando Flores (arrived at 5:34 pm)
Christina Griffin-Jones
Brandon Hilpert
Clovis Honoré
James Justus
Daniel Mendoza
Darlanne Mulmat
Ada Rodriguez

Excused:

Octavio Aguilar
Cheryl Canson
Dwayne Harvey

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Paul Parker, Executive Director
Danell Scarborough, Interim Executive Director
Duane Bennett, CPP Outside Counsel
Olga Golub, Chief Investigator
Yasmeen Obeid, Community Engagement Coordinator
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Jon’Nae McFarland, Administrative Aide

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Gloria Tran called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.
- III. PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES: The purpose of the Commission on Police Practices (CPP or Commission) is to provide independent community oversight of SDPD, directed at increasing community trust in SDPD & increasing safety for community and officers. The purpose of the Commission is also to perform independent investigations of officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and other significant incidents, and an unbiased evaluation of all complaints against members of SDPD and its personnel in a process that will be transparent and accountable to the community. Lastly, the Commission also evaluates the review of all SDPD policies, practices, trainings, and protocols and represents the community in making recommendations for changes.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - A. CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2024
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner Brandon Hilpert moved for approval of the CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2024. Commissioner James Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-0.
Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Griffin-Jones, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Rodriguez
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent/Excused: Aguilar, Canson, Diaz, Flores, Harvey
- V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:
In Person Public Comment:
Peter (*Timestamp 2:52*) Spoke on an incident he recently faced with SDPD.
- VI. WELCOME OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 - A. Public Comment - None
 - B. Comments – 1st Vice Chair spoke about the hiring of new Executive Director Paul Parker who introduced himself to the Commission. (*Timestamp 4:35*)
 - C. Discussion (*Timestamp 10:40*)
 - D. Thank you to interim Executive Director Danell Scarborough (*Timestamp 11:16*)
- VII. SAN DIEGO POLICE PROTEST POLICY
 - A. In Person Public Comment:
Kylee Belanger (*Timestamp 15:48*) Spoke about the work done on the item of Police protest policy and officer identification requirements.
Kate Yavenditti (*Timestamp 17:41*) Spoke about the work done on the item of Police protest policy and holding community meetings.
Samantha Jenkins (*Timestamp 18:55*) Spoke about the critical importance of the item of Police Protest Policy, use of non-lethal weapons, officer identification, and accountability measures.
Virtual Public Comment:
Jeanine (*Timestamp 20:39*) Spoke to the Commission regarding Police Protest Policy,

use of chemical agents, and recent UCSD protests.

Lily Ostrer (*Timestamp 22:47*) Spoke to the Commission regarding Police Protest Policy, clearer definitions of violence, chemical weapons, and use of force/violence.

Tazheen Nizam (*Timestamp 25:18*) Spoke to the Commission regarding Police Protest Policy and the use of hijabs during arrest/protesting.

Sarah Faruk (*Timestamp 27:34*) Spoke to the Commission regarding Police Protest Policy, officer identification, and information when families/elderly attend protests.

B. Policy Recommendations - (*Timestamp 30:10*) Commissioner Brandon Hilpert spoke on the recommendations and noted requests of the public comments.

C. Discussion (*Timestamp 38:44*)

D. **Motion:** Commissioner Christina Griffin-Jones moved to have a community meeting for the Protest Policy before elections. Commissioner Bonnie Benitez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-1.

Yays: 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Diaz, Griffin-Jones, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Rodriguez

Nays: 0

Abstained: Chair Tran

Absent/Excused: Aguilar, Canson, Flores, Harvey

E. **Motion:** Chair Gloria Tran moved to table the item. Commissioner Brandon Hilpert seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-0.

Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Diaz, Griffin-Jones, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Rodriguez

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent/Excused: Aguilar, Canson, Flores, Harvey

VIII. POLICE PURSUIT AD HOC COMMITTEE

A. Ad Hoc Committee Update - (*Timestamp 47:58*) Ad Hoc Committee Chair Doug Case gave an update on the progress of the committee's action plan.

B. Public Comment - None

C. Discussion - None

IX. PRETEXT STOP COMMUNITY HEARING

A. Announce finalized date/time/place: Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 5pm, Location: George Stevens Community Center

B. In person Public Comment:

Samantha Jenkins (*Timestamp 50:12*) Spoke about the importance of publicizing event to get public engagement.

C. Discussion (*Timestamp 51:20*)

X. HISTORY OF MEASURE B

A. Presentation - (*Timestamp 54:58*) Andrea St. Julian presented on the History of Measure B and Voters History.

B. Public Comment - None

C. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:34:14*)

XI. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

A. Public Comment - None

B. Outside Counsel Duane Bennett led CPP into Closed Session

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Discussion & Consideration of Complaints & Reports: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 to discuss complaints, charges, investigations, and discipline (unless the employee requests an open public session) involving San Diego Police Department employees, and information deemed confidential under Penal Code Sections 832.5-832.8 and Evidence Code Section 1040. Reportable actions for the Closed Session items on the agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at www.sandiego.gov/cpp or stated at the beginning of the Open Session meeting if the meeting is held on the same day.

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| I. | San Diego Police Department Feedback on Case Specific Matters |
| II. | Officer Involved Shooting (0) |
| III. | Category II Case Audit Reports (0) |
| IV. | Discipline Reports (6) |
| V. | Case Review Reports (3) |
| VI. | Case-Specific Recommendations to the Mayor/Chief (0) |
| VII. | Referrals to other governmental agencies authorized to investigate activities of a law enforcement agency (0) |
| VIII. | Legal Opinion(s) Request & Response (0) |

XII. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:39pm): Outside Counsel Duane Bennett reported that there was no reportable action.

- Chair Gloria Tran noted that the next meeting will be held at the Mountain View Recreation center on July 17th.
- Badges have been given out to the Commissioners for access to the Office of the Commission on Police Practices.
- Cabinet and Executive Director will appear at the Public Safety Committee on 7/10 at 2:00pm.
- OCPP put together an Awards and Recognition Ceremony in June for past CPP/CRB members.

XIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Clovis Honoré (*Timestamp 1:51:55*) requested a report on status of staffing for the Office of the Commission on Police Practices.
- Commissioner Alec Beyer (*Timestamp 1:52:44*) spoke regarding independent investigations. Also, spoke regarding a communication that was sent out that he would like to discuss further.
- Commissioner Bonnie Benitez (*Timestamp 1:53:32*) spoke about balancing restrictions on time and keeping the Commission informed on updates. Commissioner requested both a Cabinet and Executive Director report at every meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.