

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**  
**4:30pm-7:30pm**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

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

The Commission on Police Practices (Commission) meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 54953 (a), as amended by Assembly Bill 2249.

The Commission business meetings will be in person and the meeting will be open for in-person testimony. Additionally, we are continuing to provide alternatives to in-person attendance for participating in our meetings. In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may also participate via telephone/Zoom.

**The link to join the meeting by computer, tablet, or smartphone at 4:30pm is:**

<https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1610950576>

**Meeting ID: 161 095 0576**

**In-Person Public Comment on an Agenda Item:** If you wish to address the Commission on an item on today's agenda, please complete and submit a speaker slip before the Commission hears the agenda item. You will be called at the time the item is heard. Each speaker must file a speaker slip with the Executive Director at the meeting at which the speaker wishes to speak indicating which item they wish to speak on. Speaker slips may not be turned in prior to the day of the meeting or after completion of in-person testimony. In-person public comment will conclude before virtual testimony begins. Each speaker who wishes to address the Commission must state who they are representing if they represent an organization or another person.

For discussion and information items each speaker may speak up to three (3) minutes, subject to the Chair's determination of the time available for meeting management purposes, in addition to any time ceded by other members of the public who are present at the meeting and have submitted a speaker slip ceding their time. These speaker slips should be submitted together at one time to the Executive Director. The Chair may also limit organized group presentations of five or more people to 15 minutes or less.

**In-Person Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda:** You may address the Commission on any matter not listed on today's agenda. Please complete and submit a speaker slip. However, California's open meeting laws do not permit the Commission to discuss or take any action on the matter at today's meeting. At its discretion, the Commission may add the item to a future meeting agenda or refer the matter to staff or committee. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. At the discretion of the Chair, if a large number of people wish to speak on the same item, comments may be limited to a set period of time per item to appropriately manage the meeting and ensure the Commission has time to consider all the agenda items. A member of the public may only provide one comment per agenda item. In-person public comment on items not on the agenda will conclude before virtual testimony begins.

**Virtual Platform Public Comment to a Particular Item or Matters Not on the Agenda:** When the Chair introduces the item you would like to comment on (or indicates it is time for Non-Agenda Public Comment), raise your hand by either tapping the "Raise Your Hand" button on your computer, tablet, or Smartphone, or by dialing \*9 on your phone. You will be taken in the order in which you raised your hand. You may only speak once on a particular item. When the Chair indicates it is your turn to speak, click the unmute prompt that will appear on your computer, tablet or Smartphone, or dial \*6 on your phone. The virtual queue will close when the last virtual speaker finishes speaking or 5 minutes after in-person testimony ends, whichever happens first.

**Written Comment through Webform:** Comment on agenda items and non-agenda public comment may also be submitted using the [webform](#). If using the webform, indicate the agenda item number you wish to submit a comment for. All webform comments are limited to 200 words. On the [webform](#), members of the public should select Commission on Police Practices (even if the public comment is for a Commission on Police Practices Committee meeting).

The public may attend a meeting when scheduled by following the attendee meeting link provided above. To view a meeting archive video, click [here](#). Video footage of each Commission meeting is posted online [here](#) within 24-48 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

Comments received no later than 11 am the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Commission on Police Practices. Comments received after the deadline described above but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item.

**Written Materials:** You may alternatively submit via U.S. Mail to Attn: Office of the Commission on Police Practices, 525 B Street, Suite 1725, San Diego, CA 92101. Materials submitted via U.S. Mail must be received the business day prior to the meeting to be distributed to the Commission on Police Practices.

If you attach any documents to your comment, they will be distributed to the Commission or Committee in accordance with the deadlines described above.

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME (Chair Tran)
- II. ROLL CALL (Executive Assistant Conde)
- 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 (Chair Tran)
  - A. CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024
- V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT  
 (Community Engagement Coordinator Yasmeen Obeid)
- VI. CHAIR/CABINET REPORT (Chair Tran)
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Executive Director Paul Parker)
- VIII. PRETEXT STOPS COMMUNITY HEARING FOLLOW-UP (Chair Tran)
  - A. Debrief Community Hearing
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Discussion
  - D. Action – Vote on Pretext Stop Ad Hoc Committee
- IX. PURSUIT POLICY UPDATE (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Case)
  - A. Preliminary Recommendations Update
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Discussion
- X. CLOSED SESSION
  - A. Public comment
  - B. Outside Counsel Duane Bennett (Virtual) – Lead CPP into Closed Session **(Not Open to the Public)**
  - 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 announced and posted on the Commission’s

- I. San Diego Police Department Feedback on Case Specific Matters (0)
- II. Shooting Review Board Reports (0)
- III. Officer-Involved Shooting (1)
- IV. Discipline Reports (1)
- V. In-Custody Death (1)
- VI. Case Review Group Reports (4)
- VII. Case-Specific Recommendations to the Mayor/Chief (0)
- VIII. Referrals to other governmental agencies authorized to investigate activities of a law enforcement agency (0)
- IX. Legal Opinion(s) Request & Response (0)

XI. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (Outside Counsel Duane Bennett, Virtual)

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (Time Permitting)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Materials Provided:**

- DRAFT Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 7, 2024

**Access for People with Disabilities:** As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests for agenda information to be made available in alternative formats, and any requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations required to facilitate meeting participation, including requests for alternatives to observing meetings and offering public comment as noted above, may be made by contacting the Commission at (619) 236-6296 or [commissionpolicepractices@sandiego.gov](mailto:commissionpolicepractices@sandiego.gov).

Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations required to facilitate meeting participation, including requests for auxiliary aids, services, or interpreters, require different lead times, ranging from five business days to two weeks. Please keep this in mind and provide as much advance notice as possible to ensure availability. The city is committed to resolving accessibility requests swiftly.

**Commission on Police Practices**

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
AND COMMUNITY HEARING**

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

**4:30pm-7:30pm**

**George Stevens Senior Center**

**570 S. 65<sup>th</sup> Street**

**San Diego, CA 92114**

Click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApBK84xeiCI> to view this meeting on YouTube.

**CPP Commissioners Present:**

Chair Gloria Tran

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Dennis Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Doug Case

Octavio Aguilar (arrived at 5:13 pm)

John Armantrout

Bonnie Benitez

Alec Beyer

Cheryl Canson (arrived at 6:00 pm)

Stephen Chatzky

Lupe Diaz

Jessica Dockstader

Armando Flores (arrived at 5:15 pm)

Christina Griffin-Jones (arrived at 5:01 pm)

Dwayne Harvey

Brandon Hilpert

Clovis Honoré

James Justus

Dan Lawton (arrived at 4:46 pm)

Daniel Mendoza

Darlanne Mulmat

Viviana Ortega

Imani Robinson

Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez (arrived at 4:46 pm)

Ada Rodriguez (arrived at 4:42 pm)

**Excused:**

Viviana Ortega

**Absent:**

None

**CPP Staff Present:**

Paul Parker, 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 July 17, 2024
    1. **Motion:** Commissioner James Justus moved for approval of the amended CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2024. Commissioner Bonnie Benitez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-0.  
Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Diaz, Dockstader, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Robinson  
Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Excused/Late Arrival: Aguilar, Canson, Flores, Griffin-Jones, Lawton, Ortega, Rocha Vazquez, and Rodriguez
- V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:  
Kate Yavenditti (*Timestamp 3:33*) – Compliments the CPP on its research that was put in regarding the Police Pursuit Policy.  
Evie Kosower (*Timestamp 4:55*) – Shares concerns regarding the meeting minutes and prior audio/visual issues.  
Aaron Adkins (*Timestamp 6:46*) – Promotes the Juvenile Justice Commission to increase membership.  
Frances Yasmeen Motiwalla (*Timestamp 7:53*) – Shared testimony regarding an incident on August 6<sup>th</sup> in Lemon Grove that happened during a vigil.
- VI. CHAIR/CABINET REPORT
  - Welcoming new Commissioners: Jessica Dockstader, Dan Lawton, Viviana Ortega, Imani Robinson, and Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez.
  - A new Code of Conduct was recently approved by the City of San Diego Board and Commission. It does not apply to Commission on Police Practices as it is an independent commission.
  - Reminder that the protocol for requesting ride-alongs is to email Executive Assistant Alina Conde who will arrange it.
  - Thanks to all who provided feedback on the pursuit policy preliminary recommendations at the last meeting. The CPP is in conversations with the Chief about how the department will provide input to work collaboratively.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Staffing update: The Investigator recruitment is wrapping up and official offers will be made to two candidates within the next week or so. A conditional job offer was accepted for the Policy Manager with a hopeful start date on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The OCPP is still looking over 100+ applications for the Senior Management Analyst position.
- The audio-visual challenges have been a top priority for the OCPP. A setup has been set forth for meetings moving forward with an outside vendor and city team.
- The OCPP will be giving out a CPP Handbook to all Commissioners and staff. The handbook will have foundational materials to use as a resource manual.
- A new Commissioner orientation will be scheduled to go over the Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, and more.

**5:00 PM**

VIII. TIME CERTAIN COMMUNITY HEARING- PRETEXT STOPS

- A. Chair Gloria Tran led the introduction of the Hearing. (*Starting Timestamp 29:15*)
- B. Overview of Pretext Stops - Outside Counsel Duane Bennett presented information, background, and statistics on Pretext Stops. (*Starting Timestamp 31:43*)
- C. Testimony from Community Members - 21 community members gave both in person/virtual testimony on pretext stops. (*Starting Timestamp 1:17:52*)  
Chief Scott Wahl commented on Community Hearing Testimonies and commitment to plans on restoring trust with the Community. (*Starting Timestamp 2:28:58*)
- D. Commissioner Comments responding to Testimonies.
  - Commissioner Christina Griffin-Jones (*Timestamp 2:32:10*)
  - Commissioner Dwayne Harvey (*Timestamp 2:36:02*)
  - Commissioner John Armantrout (*Timestamp 2:38:07*)
  - Commissioner Armando Flores (*Timestamp 2:40:16*)
  - Commissioner Cheryl Canson (*Timestamp 2:42:23*)
  - Commissioner James Justus (*Timestamp 2:44:59*)

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.