



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. 65th Street

San Diego, CA 92114

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CPP Commissioners Present:

Chair Gloria Tran

1st Vice Chair Dennis Brown

2nd 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 6th 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 3rd. 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.