



Commission on Police Practices

COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

4:30pm-7:30pm

Mountain View Recreation Center

641 S Boundary Street

San Diego, CA 92113

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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

Cheryl Canson

Stephen Chatzky

Lupe Diaz (arrived at 4:38 pm)

Armando Flores (arrived at 5:34 pm)

Christina Griffin-Jones

Dwayne Harvey

Brandon Hilpert

Clovis Honoré

James Justus

Daniel Mendoza

Darlanne Mulmat

Ada Rodriguez

Excused:

Octavio Aguilar

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Paul Parker, Executive Director

Duane Bennett, CPP Outside Counsel

Olga Golub, Chief Investigator

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 3, 2024
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner Brandon Hilpert moved for approval of the CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2024. Commissioner Clovis Honoré 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, Griffin-Jones, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Rodriguez
 Nays: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Excused/Late Arrival: Aguilar, Canson, Flores
- V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

In Person Public Comment:

Yusef Miller (*Timestamp 2:39*) Spoke regarding surveillance lights in the community.
 Francine Maxwell (*Timestamp 4:50*) Spoke regarding work of the commission, review of cases, and community outreach.
 Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 6:40*) Spoke requesting for the commission to start stepping into the community and assisting the public with complaints.

Virtual Public Comment:

Evie Kosower (*Timestamp 9:42*) Spoke regarding the work of the commission and the lack of audio during the meetings.
- VI. CHAIR/CABINET REPORT
 - The following Commissioners were officially reappointed to the CPP through June 30, 2026, by the City Council: 1st Vice Chair Brown and 2nd Vice Chair Case, and to Commissioners Honore, Diaz, Armantrout, Mulmat, Beyer, Aguilar, and Chatzky.
 - 6 new Commissioner Candidates were also appointed: Christopher John Kennison (Council District 8), Imani Robinson (Low-to-Moderate Income Category), Gonzalo Rocha Vazquez, Viviana Ortega in the Youth Category, and Jessica Dockstader and Dan Lawton in the At-Large Category.
 - The Cabinet and Executive Director held a marathon 5-hour meeting on

July 13th. Items discussed were meeting management, publicity for the Community Hearing on Pretext Stops, media outreach for the pursuit preliminary report, training schedule, calendar update, meeting dates, public communication guidelines, and the ad hoc personnel committee. (Timestamp 12:58)

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Virtual Public Comment:

Sharmaine Moseley (Timestamp 18:08) Spoke regarding a comment made at the July 3rd meeting.

- Priority is to get the CPP fully staffed. Recruitments are currently underway for these positions: Investigators, Policy Manager, and Senior Management Analyst. There are three pending recruitments for: Deputy Executive Director, General Counsel, and Performance Auditor.
- The Office of the Commission on Police Practices is working on consistency, transparency, notifications, and outreach to the community.
- The audio and visual issues are actively being addressed with upcoming meetings with an AV Vendor and CityTV teams.
- Staffing updates will be provided with every executive director report. There also will be updates regarding general activities, topics, and issues. In addition, updates will be provided for current events and trends of civilian oversight seen locally, state, and federal.

VIII. POLICE PURSUIT AD HOC COMMITTEE

A. Preliminary Pursuit Policy Recommendations - (Timestamp 29:35) Ad Hoc Committee Chair Doug Case gave an update on the progress of the committee's action plan. Committee Chair Case shared the preliminary report worked on by the committee, which includes paralegals Joseph Comstock and Judith Ezeh. The preliminary report and all supporting documents were shared with the SDPD and we will review any feedback they provide.

B. In Person Public Comment

Tasha Williamson (Timestamp 45:42) Spoke regarding an infraction that caused the death of two young boys.

Yusef Miller (Timestamp 50:10) Spoke regarding the preliminary report and concerns about the data provided.

Francine Maxwell (Timestamp 52:39) Spoke regarding the form of obtaining data and recommendation of how to move forward.

C. Discussion - (Timestamp 55:25)

IX. PRETEXT STOP COMMUNITY HEARING

A. Reminder: Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 5pm,
Location: George Stevens Community Center

B. In person Public Comment:

Yusef Miller (Timestamp 1:23:34) Spoke regarding pretext stopping and unfairly stopping people of color.

Francine Maxwell (Timestamp 1:26:28) Spoke regarding flyers to be posted throughout the area at the George Stevens Community Center.

Tasha Williamson (Timestamp 1:28:59) Spoke regarding pretext stops and how families have responded throughout the community.

C. Discussion (Timestamp 1:33:48)

- X. SAN DIEGO POLICE PROTEST POLICY – PROPOSED COMMUNITY HEARING
- A. Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 10 am; however, the date was moved to Sept. 14, 2024, due to a conflict with the 21st.
 - B. Public Comment: None
 - C. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:41:05*)
 - D. **Motion:** Chair Tran moved to host the Protest Policy Community Hearing on Saturday, September 14 at 10:00am. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-0.
 Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Canson, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Griffin-Jones, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Rodriguez
 Nays: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Excused: Aguilar
- XI. AD HOC OPERATING PROCEDURES
- A. Public Records Act (PRA) Procedure Final Draft Presentation • No Public Comment • Discussion (*Timestamp 1:42:12*)
 • Action: Vote on Public Records Act (PRA) Procedure
Motion: Commissioner Brandon Hilpert moved to accept the Public Records Act Procedure. Commissioner Ada Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-0.
 Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Canson, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Griffin-Jones, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Rodriguez
 Nays: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Excused: Aguilar
 - B. Records Retention Final Draft Presentation • Public Comment
 • Discussion (*Timestamp 1:46:00*)
 • Action: Vote on Records Retention
Motion: Commissioner Ada Rodriguez moved to accept the Records Retention policy. Commissioner Bonnie Benitez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-0.
 Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Canson, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Griffin-Jones, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, and Rodriguez
 Nays: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Excused: Aguilar
 - C. Next Steps (Ad Hoc Committee Chair Case): Operating Procedures will now move through the approval process, starting review by the City’s Labor Negotiations team.
- XII. 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) |

XIII. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:19pm): Outside Counsel Duane Bennett reported that there was no reportable action.

XIV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Darlaine Mulmat (*Timestamp 1:50:00*) requested to know the status of the review of closed cases on a regular basis.
- Commissioner Clovis Honoré (*Timestamp 1:50:48*) acknowledged the volume of community members that participated in the meeting.
- Commissioner Dwayne Harvey (*Timestamp 1:52:06*) spoke about how the Harvey Family Foundation is having a family fun day on August 17, 2024, at 10am at Willie Henderson Sports Complex. The CPP can have a booth there for community outreach.
- Commissioner Christina Griffin-Jones (*Timestamp 1:54:58*) spoke about a Sumo Fundraiser for her team at Martin Luther King Jr Park on August 10, 2024.
- Commissioner Bonnie Benitez (*Timestamp 1:56:46*) spoke regarding polling for new calendar date.

XV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.