

Commission on Police Practices

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 21,
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
Octavio Aguilar (arrived at 4:35 pm)
John Armantrout
Bonnie Benitez (arrived at 4:38 pm)
Alec Beyer
Cheryl Canson
Stephen Chatzky (arrived at 4:33 pm)
Lupe Diaz
Jessica Dockstader

Armando Flores (arrived at 4:46 pm)
Christina Griffin-Jones (arrived at 4:48 pm)
Dwayne Harvey (arrived at 4:36 pm)
Brandon Hilpert
Clovis Honoré (arrived at 4:32 pm)
James Justus
Daniel Mendoza
Darlanne Mulmat
Viviana Ortega
Imani Robinson (arrived at 4:44 pm)
Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez
Ada Rodriguez

Excused:

None

Absent:

Dan Lawton

CPP Staff Present:

Paul Parker, Executive Director
Duane Bennett, CPP Outside Counsel (attended virtually)
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 August 7, 2024
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner James Justus moved for approval of the CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2024. Commissioner Daniel Mendoza seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-0.
Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Aguilar, Armantrout, Beyer, Canson, Diaz, Dockstader, Hilpert, Justus, Mendoza, Mulmat, Ortega, Rocha-Vazquez, and Rodriguez
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent/Late Arrival: Benitez, Canson, Chatzky, Flores, Griffin-Jones, Harvey, Honoré, Lawton, and Robinson
- V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- VI. CHAIR/CABINET REPORT
 - The OCPP have given out a CPP Handbook to all Commissioners and staff. The handbook has foundational materials to use as a resource manual.
 - There will be a Protest Policy Community Hearing on Saturday, September 14th at the Logan Heights Library.
 - City Council is accepting applications for the one open seat on the CPP (representatives for the low to moderate income areas of the City).
 - Welcoming new Commissioners: Jessica Dockstader, Dan Lawton, Viviana Ortega, Imani Robinson, and Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez.
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
 - Staffing update: CPP Policy Manager and CPP Senior Management Analyst will start employment on September 3rd. Conditional job offers have been sent to two Investigators. The OCPP priorities positions will be the Deputy Executive Director, General Counsel, and Performance Auditor.
 - The Training Committee, Executive Director, and Outside Counsel have started a recorded Training Overview (part 1). This includes the training courses identified by the Training Committee to be accessed by new commissioners and refresher trainings for the Commission.

- The new IA Captain Julie Epperson met with the new Assistant Chief over Internal Affairs Tina Williams and Police Chief Wahl. The purpose of the meeting was to determine how they will interact with the CPP. There will be more updates soon.
- The OCPP is currently exploring the release of redacted summaries.
- Executive Director has a meeting set up next week with Risk Management regarding costs associated with pursuit related payouts.
- There are plans for the Community Engagement Coordinator Yasmeen Obeid to get out into the Community next week.

VIII. PRETEXT STOP COMMUNITY HEARING

- A. Debrief Community Hearing – Chair Gloria Tran thanked the community for coming out the hearing. There were 21 public speakers and Chief Wahl who publicly addressed and acknowledged the issues and concerns of the community.
- B. In person Public Comment: Kate Yavenditti (*Timestamp 12:54*) Spoke regarding pretext stops and the coalition in San Diego who works on policing issues. The name of the coalition is CPAT (Committee on Police Accountability and Transparency).
- C. Discussion - (*Timestamp 14:43*)
- D. Action – Vote on Pretext Stop Ad Hoc Committee
Motion: Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to form a Pretext Stop Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Bonnie Benitez seconded the motion. The Pretext Stop Ad Hoc Committee will include potential Chair Ada Rodriguez, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Alec Beyer, Steve Chatzky, Armando Flores, Christina Griffin-Jones, and Darlanne Mulmat. The motion passed with a vote of 22-0-0.
 Yays: Chair Tran, 1st Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Aguilar, Armantrout, Beyer, Canson, Chatzky, Diaz, Dockstader, Flores, Griffin-Jones, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mendoza, Ortega, Robinson, Rocha-Vazquez, and Rodriguez.
 Nays: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: Lawton

IX. PURSUIT POLICY UPDATE

- A. Preliminary Recommendations Update – Ad Hoc Committee Chair Doug Case updated the commission that the committee met on 8/20. Chief Wahl has temporarily assigned Captain Jeffrey Jordan as a liaison to the committee. The ad hoc committee had a discussion regarding the first two recommendations of the report and are reworking them. The ad hoc committee has received the first draft of the introduction to the report. They are developing a detailed introduction explaining the context of recommendations and explaining how the ad hoc committee came up with the recommendations.
- B. Public Comment – None
- C. Discussion (*Timestamp 32:36*)

X. 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 (0) |
| II. | Officer Involved Shooting (1) |
| III. | Category II Case Audit Reports (1) |
| IV. | Discipline Reports (1) |
| V. | Case Review Reports (4) |
| 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) |

XI. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:18pm): Outside Counsel Duane Bennett reported that there was no reportable action.

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Christina Griffin-Jones: Shared opinions on what case review is revealing to the Commission and how critical changing policy is.
- Commissioner Clovis Honoré: Welcomed the new commissioners and thanked the commission on the work that is being done on cases.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.