

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday, November 20, 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
(arrived at 4:36pm)

2nd Vice Chair Doug Case
(left at 6:27pm)

John Armantrout

Bonnie Benitez

Alec Beyer

Cheryl Canson (arrived at 4:55pm)

Stephen Chatzky

Lupe Diaz (arrived at 4:37pm)

Jessica Dockstader

Armando Flores (arrived at 4:37pm)

Brandon Hilpert

Clovis Honoré (arrived at 4:35pm)

James Justus

Dan Lawton (arrived at 4:55pm)

Darlanne Mulmat

Viviana Ortega

Imani Robinson

Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez

Excused:

Octavio Aguilar

Ada Rodriguez

Dwayne Harvey

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Paul Parker, Executive Director

Duane Bennett, CPP Outside Counsel (virtual)

Olga Golub, Chief Investigator

Ching-Yun Li, Investigator

Aaron Burgess, Policy Manager

Alina Conde, Executive Assistant

Jon'Nae McFarland, Administrative Assistant

Yasmeen Obeid, Community Engagement Coordinator

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Gloria Tran called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.
- 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 November 6, 2024
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner James Justus moved for approval of the amended CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 13-0-0. Yays: 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Dockstader, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Mulmat, Ortega, Robinson, and Rocha-Vazquez
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Excused/Late Arrival: 1st Vice Chair Brown, Aguilar, Canson, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Lawton, and Rodriguez
- V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Virtual Public Comment: “Yusef Miller” (*Timestamp 19:01*) Spoke regarding the SDPD Dog Policy because the Community is very interested in learning more about this topic.

Virtual Public Comment: “Tasha Williamson” (*Timestamp 20:36*) Spoke regarding an incident involving use of force and the response from SDPD Chief.

Virtual Public Comment: “Defund LAPD” (*Timestamp 24:36*) Spoke regarding his complaint and the way the CPP handled the complaint.
- VI. CHAIR/CABINET REPORT
 - Policy Dog Policy presentation will be on December 4th due a last-minute issue.
 - The Final Pursuit Policy Recommendations were sent to the Chief, Mayor, City Council, and media on Monday, November 18th. Outreach also will send out, along with translated versions.
 - Union Tribune has scheduled to release an article (commentary) written by Chair Gloria Tran urging Chief Wahl to adopt the CPP Recommendations.
 - Congratulations to San Diego Deputy Chief Paul Connelly who has just been named Police Chief of Coronado.
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- The OCPP job openings have been posted and will be posted for another week. The OCPP current number of applicants for each position are: Deputy Executive Director (over 40 applicants), General Counsel (1 applicant), and Performance Auditor (over 30 applicants).
- The OCPP has a new Investigator who will start December 2nd.

VIII. SDPD POLICE SERVICE DOGS POLICY

- A. Presentation (SDPD Lt. Nick Dedonato and Sgt. Zach Pfannenstiel) – Tabled for future meeting.
- B. Public Comment – Tabled for future meeting.
- C. Discussion– Tabled for future meeting.

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Rules Committee – Chair Bonnie Benitez reported that the Committee is currently reviewing the Bylaws, is doing some cleanup, and making minor recommendations. The Committee is looking for consistency between the Bylaws and the Ordinance.
 1. Next meeting on December 19
- B. Training and Continuing Education Committee – Chair Darlance Mulmat reported the Committee will focus on role and philosophy. The Committee will review the best ways to leverage the CPP Handbook and wrap up any outstanding issues from the former Ad Hoc Training Committee.
 1. Meeting on December 5
- C. Executive Committee – Chair Tran reported the first meeting will be on December 12th at 4:30 pm at the OCPP offices.
- D. Community Outreach Committee – Staff representative Yasmeen Obeid reported the first meeting will be held on November 21st at the Office of the Commission on Police Practices.
 1. Meeting on November 21
- E. Public Comment
Virtual Public Comment: None
 Commissioner Discussion (*Timestamp 13:58*)

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- James Justus (*Timestamp 15:39*) – Commissioner Justus discussed the pursuit policy recommendations with a community group. The group was happy with the recommendations.

XI. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

- A. 1st Vice Chair Dennis Brown led CPP into Closed Session
- B. 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.

- 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 (0)
- V. In-Custody Death (0)
- VI. Case Review Group Reports (3)
- 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)

XII. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (6:41 pm): 1st Vice Chair Dennis Brown reported that there was no reportable action.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.