



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday, December 4, 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	Armando Flores (arrived at 5:03pm)
1 st Vice Chair Dennis Brown (virtual)	Dwayne Harvey
2 nd Vice Chair Doug Case	Brandon Hilpert
John Armantrout	Clovis Honoré
Bonnie Benitez	James Justus
Alec Beyer	Dan Lawton
Cheryl Canson (arrived at 5:21pm)	Darlanne Mulmat
Stephen Chatzky	Viviana Ortega
Lupe Diaz (arrived at 4:40pm)	Imani Robinson (arrived at 4:59pm)
Jessica Dockstader	Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez
	Ada Rodriguez

Excused:

None

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Paul Parker, Executive Director
Duane Bennett, CPP Outside Counsel (virtual)
Olga Golub, Chief Investigator
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator
Ethan Waterman, Investigator
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 4:30 pm. The Commission on Police Practices unanimously voted for 1st Vice Chair Dennis Brown to attend the Regular Business Meeting virtually. The vote was 16-0-0.
Yays: Chair Tran, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Dockstader, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Lawton, Mulmat, Ortega, Rocha-Vazquez, and Rodriguez
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0
Excused/Late Arrival: 1st Vice Chair Brown, Canson, Diaz, Flores, and Robinson

- 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 20, 2024
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner James Justus moved for approval of the CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024. Commissioner Bonnie Benitez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-0.
Yays: 2nd Vice Chair Case, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Dockstader, Harvey, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Lawton, Mulmat, Ortega, Robinson, Rocha-Vazquez, and Rodriguez
Nays: 0
Abstained: Chair Tran
Excused/Late Arrival: 1st Vice Chair Brown, Canson, Diaz, and Flores

- V. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

In Person Public Comment: “Francine Maxwell” (*Timestamp 2:26*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding an incident regarding traffic pursuits.

In Person Public Comment: “Paloma Cerna” (*Timestamp 4:35*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding change of culture of police conduct in the streets and in the jails.

- VI. CHAIR/CABINET REPORT
 - Commissioner Octavio Aguilar has resigned from the Commission effective immediately.
 - 1st Vice Chair Dennis Brown has resigned from the Commission effective 12/31/2024.
 - Commentary made by Chair Gloria Tran regarding police pursuits ran in the San

Diego Union Tribune Newspaper and online edition.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Introduction for new OCPP Investigator Ethan Waterman.
- Regarding hiring freeze and city budgetary issues, still unsure how it will impact the OCPP. The OCPP will continue to keep three job openings available. The OCPP current number of applicants for each position are Deputy Executive Director (over 60 applicants), General Counsel (5 applicants), and Performance Auditor (over 40 applicants).
- Some of the budgetary issues that will be impacted may be contracts with the CPP.

VIII. SDPD POLICE SERVICE DOGS POLICY

- A. Presentation (SDPD Lt. Nick Dedonato and Sgt. Zach Pfannenstiel) (*Timestamp 9:18-25:13*)
- B. Public Comment
- In Person Public Comment:** “Francine Maxwell” (*Timestamp 25:40*) – Spoke on the true definition of de-escalation and when to have canines on the scene.
- In Person Public Comment:** “Patricia De Arman” (*Timestamp 28:56*) – Spoke on the incident regarding her brother and SDPD.
- In Person Public Comment:** “David De Arman” (*Timestamp 32:36*) – Spoke on the incident regarding his son. He also spoke on the use of deadly force and use of canines.
- In Person Public Comment:** “Keshawn Price” (*Timestamp 34:35*) – Spoke in regard to the information presented and what happens out in the community.
- In Person Public Comment:** “David Miguel Rico” (*Timestamp 37:48*) – Spoke on what the CPP has power to do .
- In Person Public Comment:** “Yusef Miller” (*Timestamp 44:11*) – Spoke on use of canines with people of color and training of dog handlers.
- In Person Public Comment:** “Tasha Williamson” (*Timestamp 47:21*) – Spoke on the distrust of the community with SDPD. She requests more information regarding statistics of canines deployed on people of color.
- In Person Public Comment:** “Michelle Woodson” (*Timestamp 51:38*) – Spoke on the distrust of the community with SDPD and use of force.
- Virtual Public Comment:** “Darwin Fishman” (*Timestamp 54:48*) – Spoke on an incident involving use of canines and who they target.
- Virtual Public Comment:** “John Doe UCLA” (*Timestamp 58:03*) – Spoke on how many officers who work in SDPD and don’t live in SDPD.
- C. Discussion: (*Timestamp 1:01:20*)

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Community Outreach Committee –Tabled
1. Meeting on November 21 Report
- B. Public Comment - Tabled
- C. Discussion - Tabled

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Alec Beyer requested for an email shared by Executive Director regarding ride along waivers be added to an agenda for a future meeting. (*Timestamp 1:50:00*)

2. Commissioner Armando Flores requested for the Commission to further review the service dog policy. (*Timestamp 1:51:09*)

XI. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

- A. Outside Counsel Duane Bennett led CPP into Closed Session
- B. Public Comment

In Person Public Comment: “Tasha Williamson” (*Timestamp 1:46:07*) – Spoke on an upcoming case that was submitted to IA and has possibly not been forwarded to CPP.

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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 (0)VI. Case Review Group Reports (2)VII. Case-Specific Recommendations to the Mayor/Chief (1)VIII. Referrals to other governmental agencies authorized to investigate activities of a law enforcement agency (0)IX. Legal Opinion(s) Request & Response (0) |
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- II. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:27 pm): Outside Counsel Duane Bennett reported that there was no reportable action.
- III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.