



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 11, 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 (virtual)	Dwayne Harvey (arrived at 5:00pm)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Dennis Brown	Brandon Hilpert
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Doug Case	Clovis Honoré
Bonnie Benitez	James Justus
Alec Beyer	Dan Lawton
Cheryl Canson (arrived at 5:15pm and left at 6:30pm)	Darlanne Mulmat
Stephen Chatzky	Imani Robinson
Lupe Diaz (arrived at 4:36pm)	Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez
Armando Flores (arrived at 4:35pm)	Ada Rodriguez

**Excused:**

John Armantrout  
Jessica Dockstader

**Absent:**

Viviana Ortega

**CPP Staff Present:**

Paul Parker, Executive Director  
Duane Bennett, CPP Outside Counsel (virtual)  
Olga Golub, Chief Investigator  
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator  
Ethan Waterman, Investigator  
Aaron Burgess, Policy Manager  
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant  
Jon’Nae McFarland, Administrative Assistant  
Yasmeen Obeid, Community Engagement Coordinator (virtual)

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Gloria Tran called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. The Commission on Police Practices unanimously voted for Chair Gloria Tran to attend the Regular Business Meeting virtually. The vote was 10-0-0.  
Yays: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Brown, 2nd Vice Chair Case, Benitez, Chatzky, Hilpert, Honoré, Justus, Lawton, Mulmat, and Rodriguez  
Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Excused/Late Arrival: Chair Tran, Armantrout, Beyer, Canson, Diaz, Dockstader, Flores, Harvey, Ortega, Robinson, and Rocha-Vazquez
- 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. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT  
**In Person Public Comment:** “Tony Carolino” (*Timestamp 3:17*) Spoke regarding an incident involving his brother and the SDPD.  
**In Person Public Comment:** “Kate Yavenditti” (*Timestamp 6:03*) Spoke regarding the comments by Chair Tran in the newspaper and other articles.  
**Virtual Public Comment:** “Darwin Fishman” (*Timestamp 7:16*) Spoke thanked the CPP for its work and engaging with and including the public.
- V. CHAIR REPORT – Tabled.
- VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
  - The OCPP can move forward with hiring of positions. Working on a short term outside counsel contract for the interim. The current number of applicants for each position are Deputy Executive Director, General Counsel, and Performance Auditor.
- VII. INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN AUDIT FOR SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES 2020-2023
  - A. Introduction by Chief Investigator Olga Golub (*Timestamp 13:54*)
  - B. Presentation (Outside Investigator Jerry Threet) (*Timestamp 15:10*)
  - C. Public Comment  
**In Person Public Comment:** “Kate Yavenditti” (*Timestamp 1:05:24*) Commended the report and recommendations by Jerry Threet.  
**Virtual Public Comment:** “Colleen Cusack” (*Timestamp 1:06:50*) Spoke on statistics of traffic court, infractions, and reasons for pull over.

D. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:09:38*)

VIII. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

A. Outside Counsel Duane Bennett led CPP into Closed Session

B. Public Comment - None

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](http://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 (0)

IV. Discipline Reports (0)

V. In-Custody Death (0)

VI. Case Review Group Reports (0)

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)

IX. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (6:55 pm): Outside Counsel Duane Bennett reported two notable actions. The Commission voted 17-0-0 to decline to make a finding based upon a case reviewed based upon the woeful inadequacy of the investigation. The second action voted 12-1-4 to send a letter to the Chief regarding the issues with the investigation and the inadequacy of the investigation. That action will be made public through the Closed Session Report at the appropriate time.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.