

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, February 5, 2024
4:30pm-7:30pm**

**Southeastern Live Well San Diego
5101 Market St.
San Diego, CA 92114**

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CPP Commissioners Present:

Chair Doug Case
1st Vice Chair Ada Rodriguez
2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré
John Armantrout
Bonnie Benitez
Alec Beyer
Cheryl Canson (arrived at 4:50pm)

Stephen Chatzky
Lupe Diaz (arrived at 4:50pm)
Jessica Dockstader
Armando Flores (arrived at 4:53pm)
Dwayne Harvey (left at 5:25pm)
Darlanne Mulmat
Imani Robinson
Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez (arrived at 4:45pm)

Excused:

Dan Lawton

Absent:

Christopher Kennison

CPP Staff Present:

Olga Golub, Chief Investigator
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator
Ethan Waterman, Investigator
Aaron Burgess, Policy Manager
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Yasmeen Obeid, Community Engagement Coordinator
Jon'Nae McFarland, Administrative Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Doug Case called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 1. CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner Bonnie Benitez moved for approval of the amended CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025. 2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.
Yeas: 1st Vice Chair Rodriguez, 2nd Vice Chair Honoré, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Dockstader, Harvey, and Mulmat
Nays: None
Abstained: Robinson
 2. CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2025
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner Bonnie Benitez moved for approval of the CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2025. 2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.
Yeas: 1st Vice Chair Rodriguez, 2nd Vice Chair Honoré, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Dockstader, Harvey, and Mulmat
Nays: None
Abstained: Robinson
 3. CPP Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2025
 1. **Motion:** Commissioner Bonnie Benitez moved for approval of the CPP Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2025. 2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.
Yeas: 1st Vice Chair Rodriguez, 2nd Vice Chair Honoré, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Chatzky, Dockstader, Harvey, and Mulmat
Nays: None
Abstained: Robinson
- IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

In Person Public Comment: “Andrea St. Julian” (*Timestamp 5:38*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding the exit memos from former Executive Director Paul Parker and former Outside Counsel Duane Bennett.

In Person Public Comment: “Francine Maxwell” (*Timestamp 8:26*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding the exit memos from former Executive Director Paul Parker and former Outside Counsel Duane Bennett.

Virtual Public Comment: “Darwin Fishman” (*Timestamp 11:16*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding an incident that happened with SDPD.

Virtual Public Comment: “Lori Saldaña” (*Timestamp 13:56*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding an incident that involved sexual assault but after reporting to SDPD, the department did not give the case the attention that was deserved.

Virtual Public Comment: “Life with Dorothy” (*Timestamp 17:13*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding transparency and the work of the CPP. She expressed her frustration regarding her brother’s case.

Virtual Public Comment: “John Doe” (*Timestamp 20:30*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding frustrations about SDPD.

Virtual Public Comment: “Patricia De Arman” (*Timestamp 21:35*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding the case of that involves SDPD and her brother.

Virtual Public Comment: “Defund LAPD” (*Timestamp 24:52*) – Spoke to the Commission regarding the work of the Commission.

V. CHAIR REPORT

1. Commissioner Status:
 - Resignation of Jessica Dockstader as of February 6th. February 5th will be her last meeting with the CPP. (*Timestamp 26:12*)

VI. STAFF REPORT

1. Introduction of General Counsel, Bart Miesfeld (*Timestamp 26:55*)
2. Recent Outreach Activities (*Timestamp 29:46*) – Community Engagement Coordinator presented the work that her and her team have done for the Commission and addresses plans for future outreach.
3. Other Staff Announcements - None

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Update on Appointment of Interim Executive Director and Recruitment for New Executive Director – Chair Doug Case stated that the City Council will be moving forward with the Personnel Committee next week on appointing an interim Executive Director.
2. Update on Filling Commission Vacancies – Chair Doug Case stated that the City Councilmember von Wilpert has put a hold on filling vacancies until they looked at some of the issues that the Commission is facing. Two specific issues to review are the size of the Commission and the Commission’s ability to hire/fire of the Executive Director. No proposals have been made. The search for an interim Executive Director may stay pending until the City Counsel amends the ordinance.
3. Budget Update – The City is in the process of reducing the current fiscal year budget and the next fiscal year due to failure of Measure E. Each City department is to reduce current budget by 20%. The CPP is negotiating budget with the city. One proposal that has been made is to not proceed with the Performance Auditor position to save cost. The CPP does not support in eliminating positions but is willing to suspend hiring until budget issues get better.
4. SDPD Response to Police Pursuit – Next Steps (February 19 Presentation) – SDPD will come to the next meeting to go over responses and give more in depth explanation of each response. The Ad Hoc Police Pursuit Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm.
5. Proposal by City Councilmember Marni von Wilpert to amend the CPP implementation ordinance. – City Attorney’s office is currently still working on this, and it won’t be available by the deadline to post for the CPP meeting agenda.
6. Update on Operating Procedures – General Counsel Bart Miesfeld and CPP Chair Doug Case will be working on providing the operating procedures completed and will bring it back to the full commission before sending the standard operating procedures to the Public Safety Committee.
7. Update on Audio/Visual Contract – Audio/Visual team contract is currently on hold. MEA would like to wait until CPP has an interim executive director to make decision to move forward with meet and confer process.
8. Recognition of Departed Commissioners and Staff – Recognition will be made next month for departed commissioners and staff to express appreciation for time served.

In Person Public Comment: “Francine Maxwell” (*Timestamp 56:25*) – Spoke on item 1.

In Person Public Comment: “Andrea St. Julian” (*Timestamp 59:32*) – Spoke on item 1 and item 5.

In Person Public Comment: “Kate Yavenditti” (*Timestamp 1:03:42*) – Spoke on item 2.

Virtual Public Comment: “Lori Saldana” (*Timestamp 1:06:58*) – Spoke on item 2 and item 4.

Virtual Public Comment: “Patricia De Arman” (*Timestamp 1:10:53*) – Spoke on item 1 and item 2.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve a three-month trial of a case review process where staff investigators will take the lead on reviewing the IA case file, drafting the review report and presenting to the Commission.

MOTION: 1st Vice Chair Clovis Honoré moved to approve a three-month trial of a case review process where staff investigators will take the lead on reviewing the IA case file, drafting the review report and presenting to the Commission. Commissioner Steve Chatzky seconded the amended motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2-11-0.

Yeas: 2nd Vice Chair Honoré, Beyer

Nays: 1st Vice Chair Rodriguez, Armantrout, Benitez, Canson, Chatzky, Diaz, Dockstader, Flores, Mulmat, Robinson, Rocha-Vazquez

Abstained: None

Motion to approve a six-month trial (through July 2025) of a case review process where staff investigators will take the lead on reviewing the IA case file, drafting the review report and presenting to the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Bonnie Benitez moved to approve a six-month trial (through July 2025) of a case review process where staff investigators will take the lead on reviewing the IA case file, drafting the review report and presenting to the Commission. 1st Vice Chair Ada Rodriguez seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-2-2.

Yeas: 1st Vice Chair Rodriguez, Benitez, Canson, Diaz, Dockstader, Flores, Mulmat, Robinson, Rocha-Vazquez

Nays: Beyer, Chatzky

Abstained: Armantrout, 2nd Vice Chair Honoré

In Person Public Comment: “Francine Maxwell” (*Timestamp 1:22:16*) – Spoke on opposition of CLERB model and having staff do the work on cases.

2. Motion to request the City Council Public Safety Committee delay any action on proposed amendments to the CPP implementation ordinance until the Commission and the community have sufficient time to review the proposals and provide input.

MOTION: Commissioner John Armantrout moved to request the City Council Public Safety Committee delay any action on proposed amendments to the CPP implementation ordinance until the Commission and the community have sufficient time to review the proposals and provide input. Commissioner Bonnie Benitez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.

Yeas: 2nd Vice Chair Honoré, Armantrout, Benitez, Beyer, Canson, Chatzky, Diaz, Dockstader, Flores, Mulmat, Rocha-Vazquez

Nays: None

Abstained: 1st Vice Chair Rodriguez, Robinson

In Person Public Comment: “Andrea St. Julian” (*Timestamp 2:18:11*) – Spoke on her opposition for any amendments to be made by City Council – regarding item 2.

In Person Public Comment: “Kate Yavenditti” (*Timestamp 2:21:26*) – Spoke on her opposition for any amendments to be made by City Council – regarding item 2.

Virtual Public Comment: “Patricia De Arman” (*Timestamp 2:24:38*) – Spoke on her opinions regarding what the Commission can do with cases.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Outreach Committee -Tabled

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.