



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

**St. Paul's Cathedral
2728 Sixth Ave.,
San Diego, CA 92103**

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CPP Commissioners' Present:

Chair Ada Rodriguez

1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez

2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré

John Armantrout

Alec Beyer

David Burton

Cheryl Canson (arrived at)

Doug Case

Steve Chatzky

Lupe Diaz (arrived at 5:09pm)

Armando Flores

Elizabethe Inpyn

Dan Lawton

Michael Major

Darlanne Mulmat

Imani Robinson

Excused:

Dwayne Harvey

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Bart Miesfeld, General Counsel

Aaron Burgess, Policy Manager

Ethan Waterman, Investigator

Alina Conde, Executive Assistant

Jon'Nae McFarland, Complaint Coordinator

Yasmeen Obeid, Community Engagement Coordinator

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Ada Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - A. CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2025
 1. **Motion:** 1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez moved for approval of the CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2025. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.
Yeas: 1st Vice Chair Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Case, Chatzky, Flores, Inpyn, Lawton, Major, Mulmat, and Robinson
Nays: None
Abstained: Armantrout and Beyer
 - B. CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2025
 1. **Motion:** 1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez moved for approval of the CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2025. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-2.
Yeas: 1st Vice Chair Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Case, Chatzky, Flores, Inpyn, Lawton, Major, Mulmat, and Robinson
Nays: None
Abstained: Armantrout and Beyer
- IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- V. CHAIR REPORT (*Timestamp 6:55*) (Chair Ada Rodriguez)
 - Welcome to the Newly appointed Commissioners Elizabeth Inpyn, Michael Major Jr., and David Burton
 - CPP Recordings Update: CPP has fully transitioned to using Microsoft Teams for all CPP Standing Committee and Regular Business Meetings.
 - Internal Affairs Responsiveness: Highlighted concerns about responsiveness of Internal Affairs and the need to balance confidentiality with oversight.
 - Transparency in Case Review: Went over the importance of transparency and public accountability in case reviews, mentioning efforts to find the right balance between confidentiality and public accountability.
 - Semi-Annual Report: Announced that the commission staff is working on a semi-annual report to provide a comprehensive view of complaint trends and outcomes.
 - SDPD Organizational Changes: Provided updates on recent changes within the San Diego Police Department, including new appointments and promotions.
- VI. INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (*Timestamp 17:03*) (Interim Executive Director Bart Miesfeld)
 - Meet and Confer Process Update: Reported that the meet and confer process with three unions (MEA, City Attorney's Union, and Police Officers Association) is ongoing, with a timeline for completion by August 19th.
 - New Commissioner Training Update: Announced that new commissioner training will begin on August 18th, covering topics such as the Brown Act, parliamentary procedures, and CPP rules and regulations.
 - Complaints received: Provided statistics on complaints received in June

2025: 91 total complaints, with 50 going directly to Internal Affairs, 41 directly to the Commission, and 23 out of the 41 complaints that were directly filed to the Commission were out of Jurisdiction.

- VII. POLICY MANAGER/CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT OUT – Tabled
- VIII. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION
 - A. MY90 and SDPD Communications Encryption (by SDPD) (*Timestamp 21:47*)
 - B. Police Drove Surveillance and Drone Policy (by Art Castañares) (*Timestamp 1:14:40*)
- IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (*Timestamp 2:22:49*)

Chair Ada Rodriguez reported that the Executive Committee went over budget, semi-annual report, SDPD and Commissioner Communications, and updating the procedures in the Google Drive.
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Ad Hoc Case Review Committee Proposal – Ad Hoc Case Review Committee will include Committee Chair Bonnie Benitez, Doug Case, Alec Beyer, Steve Chatzky, Darlanne Mulmat, David Burton, and Elizabeth Inpyn (*Timestamp 2:29:15*)
- XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Rules Committee (*Timestamp 2:30:44*) – Committee Chair Bonnie Benitez reported the Rules Committee focuses on bylaws, procedures, rules, organization, and processes of the Commission. The committee is currently working on a major rewrite of the CPP bylaws to streamline and improve governance. The committee meets once a month, and the next meeting is scheduled for August 13th at the CPP office. The committee currently has four members and is open to new members who are interested in its focus areas.
 - B. Community Outreach Committee (*Timestamp 2:30:44*) – Committee Chair Alec Beyer reported the Community Outreach Committee is responsible for spreading awareness about the Commission and its activities. The Committee currently focuses on improving social media presence, enhancing the website, and attending more community events/meetings to engage with the public. The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, August 7th at 6:30 PM at the CPP office. The committee is open to all interested members and encourages participation.
 - C. Policy Committee (*Timestamp 2:30:44*) – Committee Chair Imani Robinson reported that the committee holds their meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on July 31st. The committee is planning for the upcoming retreat (polls will be sent out to Commissioners). The Committee is also going over a 3 year plan.
 - D. Recruitment Committee – Committee Chair Armando Flores reports there was a consideration to integrate the Recruitment Committee into the Community Outreach Committee, but it was decided to keep them separate to maintain a unique focus on recruitment. The committee will continue to work on recruitment efforts and coordinate with the Community Outreach Committee as needed.
 - E. Training and Continuing Education Committee – Committee Chair Darlanne Mulmat reported that the Committee is focusing on onboarding new commissioners and including any current commissioners in trainings who have missed previous training or need refreshers. Recorded training sessions will be conducted to ensure they are clear and polished for future reference and

potentially organizing additional training session on topics such as Police Officer Bill of Rights. The next meeting scheduled will be on September 4th from 4:30pm-6:30pm.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee – Committee Chair Darlanne Mulmat reported that the job announcement for the Executive Director position is open until August 11th. A total of 59 applications has been received. The first round of screening will take place on August 13th. The first round of interviews will be on August 26th, and the second round of interviews will be on September 10th. The Committee aims to have someone name for the position by the end of September.
- B. Operating Procedures Meet and Confer Negotiating Committee – The Committee Chair Doug Case reported that the Committee meets as needed to offer confidential guidance and has only met once.
- C. Case Review Committee – Members were selected for the Ad Hoc Case Review Committee: Commissioners Doug Case, Alec Beyer, Elizabeth Inpyn, Stephen Chatzky, David Burton, and 1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez. The Committee Chair will be chosen at the first meeting.

XIII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XIV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner John Armantrout (*Timestamp 2:51:39*) – Emphasized the importance of sharing positive experiences and feedback about law enforcement efforts.
- Commissioner John Armantrout (*Timestamp 2:47:11*) – Shared his experience on a ride-along with the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), highlighting the compassionate and effective work done by the team in providing immediate assistance to homeless individuals.

XV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.