



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, August 20, 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 5:16pm)
Armando Flores (arrived at 5:08pm)
Elizabeth Inpyn
Dan Lawton
Darlanne Mulmat
Imani Robinson

Excused:

Dwayne Harvey

Absent:

Michael Major

CPP Staff Present:

Bart Miesfeld, Interim Executive Director/General Counsel
Olga Golub, Chief Investigator
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator
Ethan Waterman, Investigator
Jon'Nae McFarland, Administrative Aide
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Ada Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.
- III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
 - Dave De Arman:**
 - Expressed frustration over the lack of response to formal complaints submitted to the CPP.
 - Discussed the case of his son, Christopher De Arman, who was killed by the police, highlighting issues with the investigation and lack of medical aid provided.
 - David Rico:**
 - Raised concerns about the investigation into Christopher De Arman's case, mentioning missing evidence and coaching of police officers during interviews.
 - Highlighted the lack of transparency and access to body cam footage.
 - Patricia De Arman:**
 - Spoke about the new police misconduct website for lacking transparency.
 - Mentioned previous incidents involving the K9 officer Patrick Harvey and issues with the RA request process.
 - Cindy Nunez (Virtual):**
 - Urged the Commission to use their power to bring justice for Christopher De Arman.
 - Emphasized the need for transparency, accountability, and respect for the family.
 - Francine Maxwell (Virtual):**
 - Highlighted the importance of timely and correct discipline for officers who violate policy.
 - Mentioned ongoing court cases involving the San Diego Police Department and the need for the CPP to focus on holding officers accountable.
 - Ilka Weston:**
 - Called for further investigation into Christopher De Arman's case.
 - Spoke about the handling of the case and the actions of the police officers involved.
- IV. CHAIR REPORT (Chair Ada Rodriguez)
 - SDPD Response to Commission Recommendations:
 1. The Chief has read and partially agreed with the majority of the CPP recommendations concerning the SDPD complaint investigation system.
 2. The Executive Committee will convene on the 27th to discuss any questions regarding the chief's response.
 - Waiver Issues:
 3. There were recent issues with waivers or minor losses, and a draft has been provided for review.
 - Recruitment Committee:
 4. The Chair of the Recruitment Committee has expressed satisfaction and suggested that Commissioner Doug Case might be interested in taking over the role. This transition will be discussed in an upcoming meeting.
 - Article on Investigation:

5. Commissioner Doug Case sent an article regarding an investigation launched by the 30th of the state, highlighting California law on personnel records and confidentiality provisions.
6. The CPP remains uninformed about specific allegations and outcomes, raising concerns about transparency.
7. The mayor's spokesperson stated that the mayor has full confidence in Chief Wahl, despite the lack of transparency.

Community Event Feedback:

8. A community member expressed concerns about the lack of parking at the meeting location. It was requested to add parking directions on future agendas.

V. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Interim Executive Director Bart Miesfeld)
Executive Director Report Breakdown:

- Chief Investigator Return – Olga Golub, the Chief Investigator, has returned from leave and is quickly catching up with her duties.
- City Auditor's Performance Audit – The City Auditor's department is conducting a performance audit of the Internal Affairs Division of the City Police Department. The audit will focus on two main areas;
 - Whether the Police Department categorizes, investigates, and reports allegations of police misconduct fairly and completely, in line with best practices.
 - Whether the Police Department's discipline outcomes for misconduct are fair and in line with best practices.
- New Commissioner – Daniel Torres has been sworn in as the final new Commissioner and will participate in the regular business meeting on September 3rd.
- New Commissioner Training – The new commissioner training has been rescheduled to September 9th. Other Commissioners interested in the training can also join.
- San Diego County Civil Grand Jury – An interview with the San Diego County Civil Grand Jury has been scheduled for September. Commissioners and staff are requested to notify the executive director if contacted by the grand jury.

VI. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Committee Chair Alec Beyer)

1. Presentation of Live Calendar Information – Community Engagement Coordinator Yasmeen Obeid will provide details on how to access and use this calendar, which aims to offer a schedule for presentations and translations where commissioners can participate.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Stephen Chatzky – Raised a question about the timeline for filling the other vacancy on the Commission.
- Commissioner Imani Robinson – Asked about the best way for someone to become a commissioner on the CPP and suggested outreach to colleges and using platforms like LinkedIn to find interested candidates.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

- A. Public Comment
- B. Interim Executive Director/General Counsel led CPP into Closed Session
- 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.

1. SDPD Feedback on Case-Specific Matters
 - a. Case 2023-0249
2. Review of Internal Affairs Investigations
 - a. Case 2025-0012 (CAT I)
 - b. Case 2025-0073 (CAT I)
 - c. Case 2025-0035 (CAT II)
 - d. Case 2025-0091 (CAT II)
 - e. Case 2025-0070 (CAT I)
 - f. Case 2025-0084 (CAT I)
 - g. 2024-0108 (CAT I, Action Discussion)
3. Discipline Memos
 - a. 2023-0037 (no vote)
 - b. 2024-0164 (no vote)
 - c. 2024-0264 (no vote)
 - d. 2024-0344 (no vote)

IX. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:57pm): General Counsel Bart Miesfeld reported that there was no reportable action.

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