

San Diego Privacy Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting – September 18, 2025

A recording of the meeting is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTultEEQhFI>

The meeting was held in the City Administration Building - 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, 12th Floor – Council Chambers

Attendance:

In-Person: Ike Anyanetu, Tim Blood, Lee Duran, Ted Womack Jr, Yaw Dapaa and Matt Stamper (arrived at 5:50pm). Quorum reached

Via Zoom: None

Absent: Magdalena Donea

Motions Made:

- Unanimous acceptance of the minutes of meeting dated July 31, 2025.

Matters Discussed and of Note:

- Representatives from the City of San Diego Police Department provided a presentation of the use of Smart Street Lights (SSL) and ALPR. See SDPD ALPR Presentation at PAB website. The SDPD officers also responded to public and board questions and provided additional color from its update on SDPD's SSL and ALPR program. Particular discussion on efficacy including cost-benefit of the program.
- The SSL/ALPR PAB subcommittee met to discuss the SDPD annual report and set key standards for other technologies to follow. See PAB comments via "tracked changes" to the SDPD Revised Annual Report presented at the PAB website.
- Ted Womack discussed efforts of the operations subcommittee to improve the PAB website. Specifically, make the site more user friendly, complete and accurate.
- Julia Chruschiell was a guest speaker. Ms. Chruschiell currently manages the surveillance and privacy technology for the City and County of San Francisco. See "Privacy Policy in Government" presentation at the PAB website. The PAB formally thanked Ms. Chruschiell for coming to San Diego and presenting her thoughts.

Public Comments:

Verbal and written comments noted September 18, 2025 are as follows:

- See Letters from TRUST SD Coalition dated September 17, 2025
- Need more detail in the minutes of meetings as the public video/audio is weak
- Need a way to better capture video and audio of meetings as it is very difficult for the public to understand what happened or was said at the meeting.

[Note: Kohta Zaiser noted that the PAB meetings are after hours and are not able to utilize the technology and personnel available to meeting completed during business hours. Tim and Kohta to look into the technology and policies to improve the audio and video quality.]

- Concern of increased public control over people as seen in many other countries.
- Need more transparency of what is and is not being done within the City departments. The information currently being provided is complete and too little/too late.
- Concern of statements by the SDPD of "limited resources" and "limited technology" available to justify use of ALPR.
- TRUST SD Coalition noted other SDPD databases were accessed during the earlier period of breach. Feels that SDPD is not yet ready to use "mass surveillance".
- There is a lack of transparency. How is data used or shared.
- Flock is a for profit business and known to be deceptive and put profit over privacy.
- There are concerns over ICE and other out of state authorities getting access to Flock data. However, there is "No known audit procedures to address this."
- Strongly recommend ending ALPR contract. There was "no demonstrated decrease in crime" and the use of ALPR is "over policing". It was noted in Texas that ICE and state authorities accessed Flock data including incidents to search "abortion access".
- The community has been bringing up privacy concerns even before PAB., However, the SDPD response is merely "Trust us".
- Try to allow public comment on the PAB portal. [PAB looking into this].

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

/s/ LMD as Recorded for the PAB