

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

**Southeastern Live Well Center
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
David Burton
Doug Case
Steve Chatzky
Lupe Diaz (arrived at 5:43pm)

Armando Flores
Dwayne Harvey (arrived at 5:10pm)
Kirby Knipp
Darlanne Mulmat
Walter Sener (arrived at 5:21pm)
Daniel Torres
Chenyang Rickard (arrived at 6:21pm)
Imani Robinson

Excused:

John Armantrout
Elizabeth Inpyin

Absent:

Cheryl Canson
Michael Major
Chenyang Rickard
Dan Lawton

CPP Staff Present:

Bart Miesfeld, General Counsel
Olga Golub, Chief Investigator
Ethan Waterman, Investigator
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Jon'Nae McFarland, Complaint Coordinator
Yasmeen Obeid, Community Engagement Coordinator
Luqmaan Bohkary, Volunteer Law Clerk

- 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.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

In person Public Comment - **Francine Maxwell (Timestamp 3:03)**: Expressed concern about the lack of empathy shown by the community when it is traumatized by incidents involving the police. Mentioned a specific incident and suggested that the Commission should acknowledge such events publicly to show empathy and educate the community about the processes.

III. DISCUSSION CONCERNING COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE (Timestamp 9:18)

Event Details: The Community Outreach Committee is hosting a Community Round Table on Monday, December 8th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Malcolm X Library.

Purpose: The event aims to gather community experiences and feedback regarding interactions with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD). It is also an opportunity for the community to provide input on priorities for the Commission on Police Practices (CPP) in 2026.

Participation: Community members are encouraged to RSVP and bring others to ensure diverse voices and experiences are represented. Commissioners will receive instructions via email on how to participate.

In person Public Comment – **Francine Maxwell (Timestamp 14:06)**: Thanked the Commission for organizing the Community Round Table and suggested promoting it on KUSI to reach a wider audience. She proposed involving the City Auditor to gather data for an Internal Affairs audit and emphasized the importance of community participation in such audits.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR & INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chair Ada Rodriguez Communication (Timestamp 19:01):

- Acknowledged the importance of recognizing recent events that have impacted the community, such as viral videos involving police actions. She emphasized the need for the Commission to express sympathy and educate the community about CPP processes, despite current limitations.
- Mentioned technical issues she faced with her computer, resulting in the loss of files and documents. She advised Commissioners to save their work on OneDrive to prevent similar issues.
- Reported on her recent meeting with the Grand Jury and an interview with NBC regarding the status of the Commission and the delay in appointing an Executive Director.
- Highlighted the progress made by the Commission since its official establishment in late 2023, despite facing obstacles.

Interim Executive Director Bart Miesfeld Communication (Timestamp 19:01):

- Reported that the Commission received 76 complaints in October, with 46 filed with Internal Affairs (IA) and 30 with the CPP. Of the 30 complaints, 21 were sent to IA for review, and 9 were out of jurisdiction.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS (Timestamp 24:32)

- Commissioner Armando Flores inquired about the impact of the new website on the number of complaints received. Interim Executive Director Bart Miesfeld responded that it is too early to identify a trend, but staff are monitoring the data.

- IV. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
- A. Public Comment
- Virtual Public Comment – Tasha Williamson (Timestamp 25:15):**
1. **Incident at 47th St. Trolley Station:**
 - Reported an incident involving SDPD and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents, where HSI agents attempted to detain two American citizens, resulting in injuries to four individuals.
 - Mentioned that an SDPD officer grabbed a citizen by the hair, who was not involved in the incident, and expressed concerns about SDPD's conduct and bias in supporting HSI agents.
 - Highlighted that one citizen was arrested and released within five hours without charges, and another citizen was falsely claimed to have a federal warrant.
 2. **Audit Involvement:**
 - Urged the Commission to assist the audit department by encouraging more people to participate in the audit process and share their experiences with internal affairs investigations.
 - Suggested that the Commission send out emails to individuals who have filed complaints, informing them about the ongoing audit and how they can get involved.
- 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 832.5832.8 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 - None
 2. Review of Internal Affairs Investigations
 - a. Case 2023-0603 (OIS)
 - b. Case 2025-0043 (CAT I)
 - c. Case 2025-0197 (CAT I)
 - d. Case 2025-0091 (CAT II)
 - e. Case 2025-0154 (CAT II)
 - f. Case 2025-0088 (CAT I)
 - g. Case 2025-0335 (CAT II)
 3. Discipline Memos – None
- II. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION- (General Counsel Bart Miesfeld) Interim Executive Director Bart Miesfeld reported that there was no reportable action.
- III. NEW COMMISSION PHOTO (Timestamp 31:27)
- IV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.