



## Commission on Police Practices

### COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**5:00pm-8:00pm**

### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

**Procopio Towers – Conference Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)**

**525 B St.**

**San Diego, CA 92101**

**The link to join the meeting by computer, tablet, or smartphone at 5:00pm is:**

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**Meeting ID: 261 356 452 069 29**

**Passcode: i5nh9bv2**

*\*Downloading the latest version of Microsoft Teams is required.*

### **PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES**

The purpose of the Commission on Police Practices (CPP or Commission) is to provide independent community oversight of SDPD, directed at increasing community trust in SDPD & increasing safety for community and officers. The purpose of the Commission is also to perform independent investigations of officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and other significant incidents, and an unbiased evaluation of all complaints against members of SDPD and its personnel in a process that will be transparent and accountable to the community. Lastly, the Commission also evaluates the review of all SDPD policies, practices, trainings, and protocols and represents the community in making recommendations for changes.

The Commission on Police Practices (Commission) meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 54953 (a), as amended by Assembly Bill 2249.

The Commission business meetings will be in person, and the meeting will be open for in-person testimony. Additionally, we are continuing to provide alternatives to in-person attendance for participating in our meetings. In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may also participate via telephone/Teams.

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS (Chair Ada Rodriguez)**

**II. ROLL CALL (Executive Assistant Alina Conde)**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Business Meeting – January 7, 2026
2. Regular Business Meeting – January 21, 2026

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS** (*Items are listed under Public Notices as a matter of public record only. These items do not require Commission deliberation/action and there is no public comment.*)

## NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** (Direct Community Engagement & Internship Programs Yasmeen Obeid)

**NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES – EXECUTIVE** (CHAIR ADA RODRIGUEZ), RULES (1<sup>ST</sup> VICE CHAIR BONNIE BENITEZ), COMMUNITY OUTREACH (COMMISSIONER ARMANDO FLORES), POLICY (COMMISSIONER IMANI ROBINSON), RECRUITMENT (COMMISSIONER DOUG CASE), TRAINING (COMMISSIONER DARLANNE MULMAT)

## NON AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

### IV. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public comment

B. Lead CPP into Closed Session  
**(Not Open to the Public)**

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 announced and posted on the Commission's website at [www.sandiego.gov/cpp](http://www.sandiego.gov/cpp).

a. SDPD Feedback on Case-Specific Matters – None

b. Review of Internal Affairs Investigations

1. Case 2025-0094 (CATI)

2. Case 2025-0276 (CATI)

3. Case 2025-0349 (CATI)

c. Discipline Memos – None

### V. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** (Direct Community Engagement & Internship Programs Obeid)

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

#### **Materials Provided:**

- Regular Business Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2026
- Regular Business Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2026

**In-Person Public Comment on an Agenda Item:** If you wish to address the

Commission on an item on today's agenda, please complete and submit a speaker slip before the Commission hears the agenda item. You will be called at the time the item is heard. Each speaker must file a speaker slip with the Executive Director at the meeting at which the speaker wishes to speak indicating which item they wish to speak on. Speaker slips may not be turned in prior to the day of the meeting or after completion of in-person testimony. In-person public comment will conclude before virtual testimony begins. Each speaker who wishes to address the Commission must state who they are representing if they represent an organization or another person.

For discussion and information items each speaker may speak up to three (3) minutes, subject to the Chair's determination of the time available for meeting management purposes, in addition to any time ceded by other members of the public who are present at the meeting and have submitted a speaker slip ceding their time. These speaker slips should be submitted together at one time to the Executive Director. The Chair may also limit organized group presentations of five or more people to 15 minutes or less.

**In-Person Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda:** You may address the Commission on any matter not listed on today's agenda. Please complete and submit a speaker slip. However, California's open meeting laws do not permit the Commission to discuss or take any action on the matter at today's meeting. At its discretion, the Commission may add the item to a future meeting agenda or refer the matter to staff or committee. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. At the discretion of the Chair, if a large number of people wish to speak on the same item, comments may be limited to a set period of time per item to appropriately manage the meeting and ensure the Commission has time to consider all the agenda items. A member of the public may only make one Non-Agenda Public Comment per meeting. In-person public comment on items not on the agenda will conclude before virtual testimony begins.

Speakers may not allocate their time to other speakers. If there are eight or more speakers on a single issue, the maximum time for the issue will be 16 minutes. The order of speaking generally will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis. A member of the public may only provide one non-agenda comment per agenda.

We welcome all viewpoints and encourage open participation. However, to ensure everyone has a chance to be heard and that we can complete our work, we ask that speakers respect time limits and refrain from disruptive behavior. Continued disruption after warning may result in removal as permitted under state law.

**Virtual Platform Public Comment to a Particular Item or Matters Not on the Agenda:** When the item you would like to comment on is introduced (or it is indicated that it is time for Non-Agenda Public Comment), raise your hand by tapping on the "Raise Your Hand" button on your computer or tablet. To raise your hand in a Microsoft Teams meeting on your smartphone (iOS or Android), tap the three-dot menu, then select the "Raise Hand" option. You will be taken in the order in which you raised your hand. You may only speak once on a particular item. When

it is indicated that it is your turn to speak, click the unmute prompt that will appear on your computer, tablet or Smartphone.

**Written Comment through Webform:** Comment on agenda items and non-agenda public comment may also be submitted using the [webform](#). If using the webform, indicate the agenda item number you wish to submit a comment for. All webform comments are limited to 200 words. On the [webform](#), members of the public should select Commission on Police Practices (even if the public comment is for a Commission on Police Practices Committee meeting).

The public may attend a meeting when scheduled by following the attendee meeting link provided above. To view a meeting archive video, click [here](#). Video footage of each Commission meeting is posted online [here](#) within 72 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

Comments received no later than 8am on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Commission on Police Practices. Comments received after the deadline described above but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item.

**Written Materials:** You may alternatively submit via U.S. Mail to Attn: Office of the Commission on Police Practices, 525 B Street, Suite 1725, San Diego, CA 92101. Materials submitted via U.S. Mail must be received the business day prior to the meeting to be distributed to the Commission on Police Practices.

If you attach any documents to your comment, they will be distributed to the Commission or Committee in accordance with the deadlines described above.

**Late-Arriving Materials:** This paragraph relates to those documents received after the agenda is publicly noticed and during the 72 hours prior to the start of, or during, the meeting. Pursuant to the Brown Act, (California Government Code Section 54957.5(b)) late-arriving documents, related to the Commission on Police Practices' ("CPP") meeting agenda items, which are distributed to the legislative body prior to and/or during the CPP meeting are available for public review by appointment in the Office of the CPP located at Procopio Towers, 525 B Street, Suite 1725, San Diego, CA 92101. Appointments for public review may be made by calling (619) 533-5304 and coordinating with CPP staff before visiting the office. Late-arriving documents may also be obtained by email request to CPP staff at [commissiononpolicepractices@sandiego.gov](mailto:commissiononpolicepractices@sandiego.gov). Late-arriving materials received prior to the CPP meeting will also be available for review, at the CPP public meeting, by making a verbal request of CPP staff located in the CPP meeting. Late-arriving materials received during the CPP meeting will be available for reviewing the following workday at the CPP offices noted above or by email request to CPP staff.

**Access for People with Disabilities:** As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests for agenda information to be made available in alternative formats, and any requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations required to facilitate meeting participation, including requests for alternatives to observing meetings and offering public comment as noted above, may be made by contacting the Commission at (619) 533-5304 or [commissiononpolicepractices@sandiego.gov](mailto:commissiononpolicepractices@sandiego.gov).

Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodation required to facilitate meeting participation, including requests for auxiliary aids, services, or interpreters require different lead times, ranging from five business days to two weeks. Please keep this in mind and provide as much advance notice as possible to ensure availability. The city is committed to resolving accessibility requests swiftly.



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 7 2026**

**Balboa Park – Santa Fe Room**  
**2144 Pan American Rd.,**  
**San Diego, CA 92101**

Click <https://youtu.be/rEe8rx1ikf4> to view this meeting on YouTube.

**CPP Commissioners' Present:**

Chair Ada Rodriguez  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez  
John Armantrout  
Doug Case  
Steve Chatzky  
Lupe Diaz  
Armando Flores  
Dwayne Harvey

Elizabeth Inpyn  
Dan Lawton  
Darlanne Mulmat  
Imani Robinson  
Chenyang Rickard  
Walter Sener  
Daniel Torres

**Excused:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Clovis Honoré  
David Burton  
Kriby Knipp

**Absent:**

Cheryl Canson  
Michael Major

**CPP Staff Present:**

Olga Golub, Chief Investigator  
Aaron Burgess, Policy Manager  
Ethan Waterman, Investigator  
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator  
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: Policy Manager Aaron Burgess conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
  - A. CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025

**Motion:** Commissioner Imani Robinson moved for approval of the amended CPP Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025. Commissioner Steve Chatzky seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-1.  
Yea: Benitez, Case, Chatzky, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Rickard, Sener, Torres, Robinson  
Nay: None  
Abstained: Armantrout

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NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR, CHIEF OF STAFF, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

A. CHAIR REPORT – *(Timestamp 16:50)*

1. **Proactive Posture:** The Commission is moving forward with a proactive approach, addressing difficult issues without waiting for perfect conditions.
2. **Commissioner Conduct:** Commissioners are reminded to remain impartial, evaluate cases based on evidence, and avoid public commentary on specific incidents until the review process is complete.
3. **Complaint Process Documentation:** Efforts are made to document the complaint and case process to ensure clarity and transparency for the public.
4. **Community Concerns:** The community has raised concerns about policing practices, response times, and the lack of visible internal accountability. The Commission will continue to push for transparency and accountability.
5. **Leadership Transition:** The interim Executive Director and General Counsel has resigned, and a new Executive Director is expected to be appointed within the month. The Commission's work will continue without interruption.
6. **Chair's Commitment:** Chair Rodriguez emphasized their commitment to truth, transparency, and serving the community with intention and integrity

B. Chief of Staff- No Report

C. Interim Executive Director- No Report

D. Director of Community Engagement and Internship Program- No report

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Direct Community Engagement & Internship Programs Obeid)

**In person Public Comment - Francine Maxwell** *(Timestamp 07:06)*: Spoke in regard to urging the Commission to demand a meeting with the Mayor of San Diego to address community concerns and accountability, especially in light of significant settlements related to police misconduct. Requested proactive measures from the Commission to build trust and hold leadership accountable.

**In person Public Comment** – Darwin Fishman (*Timestamp 10:03*): Spoke in regards to community engagement with the Commission, referencing past initiatives like community bus tours and guest speakers that were beneficial. Emphasized the importance of data requests to understand issues like over-policing and suggested looking at specific times and areas to gather relevant data. Also, recommended holding a town hall to discuss the \$30 million settlement related to police misconduct, as it is a significant issue that needs public attention.

**Virtual Public Comment** – James Donaghe (*Timestamp 13:37*): Spoke in regards to unlawful citations of legally parked cars and the lack of action on illegally parked and stored vehicles. Also, mentioned the city's significant financial settlements due to police misconduct and questioned the lack of accountability and transparency.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES – EXECUTIVE (Chair Rodriguez), RULES (1st Vice Chair Benitez), COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Direct Community Engagement & Internship Programs Obeid), POLICY (Commissioner Robinson), RECRUITMENT (Commissioner Case), TRAINING (Commissioner Mulmat)

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Executive Committee – No committee report
- Policy Committee – No committee report
- Recruitment Committee – No committee report
- Training and Continuing Education Committee – Investigator Lee is creating a digital version of the Commissioner Handbook, which will be searchable and include links. Current efforts to set up a community bus tour have faced resource challenges, but the committee remains committed to making it happen. In the interim, community agencies are being invited to make presentations during CPP meetings (e.g., Mid-City CAN today). Committee is exploring different organizations that could provide Implicit Bias Training, and future sessions for Inside SDPD will be planned for Commissioners to attend. Next committee is scheduled for February 12, 2025 at 5:30pm.

#### **IV. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION**

Mid- City Community Advocacy Network (CAN) (*Timestamp 29:30*)

1. Non-profit organization based in City Heights, San Diego. Their mission is to create a safe, productive, and healthy community through collaboration, advocacy, and organizing.
2. **Theory of Change:** The organization believes in organizing, collaborating, and advocating to create community change. They involve community members, including young people, multi-generational groups, and multilingual families, to build power and campaigns.
3. **Key Achievements:**
  - A. Established the City Heights Farmers Market and community gardens.
  - B. Implemented a network of farmers markets that accept EBT.
  - C. Advocated for and achieved the Youth Opportunity Pass, providing free public transportation for young people under 18.
  - D. Supported the establishment of the Commission on Police Practices and youth participation in it.
4. **Current Initiatives:**
  - A. Working on a permanent regional no-cost transportation pass for young people up to 24 years old.
  - B. Exploring housing and development issues.
  - C. Protecting cannabis tax revenues for youth development.
  - D. Addressing civic health and providing tools for health access.

- E. Youth Council: The current Youth Council is working on park revitalization projects, including Officer Jeremy Henwood Park, and addressing park equity policy issues.
- F. Youth Justice Team: Advocating for the Ending Girls Incarceration Initiative in San Diego County and providing alternatives for young people to access the arts.
- 5. **Momentum Teams:** The organization has three momentum teams focused on transportation, juvenile justice, and the Youth Council. These teams are made up of volunteers from various communities in San Diego.
- 6. **Programs and Opportunities:** Mid City CAN offers free programs and leadership opportunities, including youth internships, leadership training, summer art programs, and outdoor experiences.
- 7. **Community Engagement:** The organization emphasizes building a sense of belonging and supporting community members through social outings, listening sessions, and restorative practices.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Safety Committee Meeting on January 21, 2026 (Chair Rodriguez) - Tabled
- B. Communication Protocol (Commissioner Case)

**Communication with the Chief of Police:** Individual Commissioners should not directly communicate with the Chief. Instead, communications should go through the Chair or Executive Director.

**Policy or Procedural Matters:** These should also be communicated by the Chair or Executive Director, with input from individual Commissioners through meetings or committees.

**General Inquiries:** Commissioners can make general inquiries through the SDPD Community Liaison, ensuring transparency by copying the Chair and Executive Director.

**Requests for Official Records:** These should be made through the Chair or Executive Director, not by individual Commissioners.

**Communication with Internal Affairs:** General correspondence should be handled by the Chair or Executive Director, with specific questions submitted through the CPP investigator.

**Communication with City Officials:** Official communications with the City Attorney, Mayor, and City Council should be made by the Chair or Executive Director.

**Staff Communication:** Routine requests can be made directly to staff, but tasks should be assigned through the Executive Director.

**Motion:** Commissioner Doug Case moved for approval of the amended Communication Protocol. Commissioner Daniel Torres seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 13-0-1.

Yea: Armantrout, Benitez, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Rickard, Sener

Nay: None

Abstained: Robinson

### C. Case Review Procedure

- **Formation of Case Review Groups:** The Chief Investigator coordinates the formation of case review groups, ensuring that each Commissioner participates in at least four reviews annually.
- **Investigator's Role:** Each group is led by an investigator who reviews the entire case file, including body-worn camera footage and other relevant materials. The investigator then summarizes the findings and shares them with the group.
- **Draft Report:** Before the group meeting, each Commissioner drafts a report using suggested revisions. These drafts are discussed and finalized during the group

meeting.

- **Closed Session Meeting:** The finalized report is presented at the closed session meeting of the full Commission.
- **Timelines:** The procedure includes specific timelines for sharing information and finalizing reports to ensure a structured and efficient review process.

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Bonnie Benetiz moved for approval of the Case Review Procedure. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-0.

Yea: Armantrout, Benitez, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Robinson, Rickard, Sener, Torres

Nays: None

Abstained: None

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Memorandum to City Leadership Regarding Oversight Limitations, Community Concerns, and Measure B Implementation (Chair Rodriguez)

- Chair Rodriguez explained that the memo addresses systemic issues affecting public trust, transparency, and the effectiveness of oversight. It highlights the lack of timely acknowledgment from city leadership, ongoing limitations restricting independent oversight, and patterns in publicly available incidents raising questions about internal accountability. Chair Rodriguez agreed to take the feedback to the Executive Committee for further refinement and emphasized the importance of having the Commission's support to strengthen the memo.

**In Person Public Comment** – Patricia De Arman (*Timestamp 1:46:44*): Spoke on the importance of accountability and transparency within the San Diego Police Department. She expressed frustration over the lack of action and accountability for officers involved in misconduct. Patricia also urged the Commissioners to be more involved and vocal about these issues, stressing the need for independent and unbiased reviews. She also called for the inclusion of impacted families and advocates in the Commission's work.

**In Person Public Comment** – Sena (*Timestamp 1:50:09*): Spoke in regards to the need for better community engagement and education about the Commission's role and responsibilities. They mentioned that many community members are unaware of the Commission's existence and its functions. She also urged the Commission to prioritize underserved communities like Barrio Logan and Southeastern San Diego, which face significant issues and have been historically neglected.

**In Person Public Comment** – Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 1:52:29*): Advocated the representation from the City Mayor's office, District Attorney's, and Chief's office when there is any incident with extreme use of force by officers. Urged the Commission to send the memo.

**Virtual Public Comment** – James Donaghe (*Timestamp 1:56:07*): Spoke about the need for better police accountability, addressing historical and ongoing discrimination, and ensuring inclusive support for all community members.

E. Request for SDPD Traffic Division Presentation on SoToxa Deployment, Procedures, and Oversight Considerations.

- **Purpose of Request:** The Commission seeks a comprehensive presentation from the SDPD Traffic Division on the deployment and use of the SoToxa oral fluid testing device during traffic stops.
- **Procedures and Training:** Understanding the written procedures, training materials, and deployment guidelines for SoToxa.
- **Consent and Refusal Protocols:** Clarification on what officers are instructed to do

- when a driver consents or refuses the test.
- **Accuracy and Limitations:** Information on the device's accuracy, limitations, and any safeguards to prevent misuse.
- **Community Impact:** Ensuring that the community is informed about the use of SoToxa and its implications for civil liberties and privacy.

**Motion:** Commissioner Imani Robinson moved to request SDPD Traffic Division to present the SoToxa Deployment Procedure, and oversight consideration. Commissioner Daniel Torres seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-0.

Yea: Armantrout, Benitez, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Rickard, Sener, Torres

Nays: None

Abstained: None

**In Person Public Comment** – Dave De Arman (*Timestamp 2:02:57*): Expressed concerns about the accuracy of SoToxa, noting that it indicates the presence of a drug above a certain level but does not measure actual impairment. He also mentioned the potential for false positives and the invasion of privacy, leading to unreasonable search and seizure. He pointed out the high cost of the devices (\$5000 each) and suggested that funds should be used for training officers in de-escalation techniques and proper responses to mental health crises.

**In Person Public Comment** – Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 2:04:39*): Emphasized the importance of educating the community about the consequences of refusing tests like SoToxa, as refusal can lead to license suspension. She stressed the need for clear communication about the legal requirements and expectations from the police department

F. Community Roundtable Debrief (Director Community Engagement & Internship Programs Obeid)

1. Held on December 8, 2025 at Malcom X Library with a total of 54 attendees including 44 community members and 10 staff and commissioners
2. Objective: Gather community experiences with SDPD, identify the top priority of the CPP in 2026, and educate the community on the role and scope of CPP.
3. Key Themes from Community Feedback: Complaints about SDPD, including issues with transparency and body cam footage access; Concerns about pretext stops, use of force, and medical aid intervention; Issues related to youth contact, immigration enforcement, and CPP visibility and trust-building; Discussions on SDPD budget allocation, surveillance technology, and civil liberties.
4. Next Steps: The feedback will be used to inform the CPP's priorities and actions in 2026, and a detailed report will be published.

**In Person Public Comment** – Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 2:32:45*): Expressed appreciation for the roundtable and emphasized the need for more such meetings, both in-person and online, to accommodate all community members, including elders and those unable to attend in person. She stressed the importance of educating the community about the Commission's role to ensure that discussions remain relevant and focused.

**In Person Public Comment** – Sena (*Timestamp 2:34:24*): Emphasized the need for virtual attendance options for future meetings to accommodate those with scheduling conflicts. She also highlighted the importance of prioritizing underserved communities like Barrio Logan and Southeast San Diego, which face significant issues.

Non- Agenda Public Comment:

**In Person Public Comment** – Dave De Arman (*Timestamp 2:39:28*): Expressed concerns about the City Mayor and Chief of Police not attending the Community Roundtable, and frustration regarding the lack of non-lethal practice within SDPD.

**In Person Public Comment** – Patricia De Arman (*Timestamp 2:41:32*): Spoke in regards to over policing and exaggerated enforcement in Barrio Logan.

**In Person Public Comment** – Sena (*Timestamp 2:43:47*): Spoke in regard to SoTaoxa and lack of community education on their rights. Sena also mentioned reducing the harm and racial profiling from SDPD.

**In Person Public Comment** – Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 2:47:30*): Spoke in regards to the community's frustration with the lack of accountability and the continued presence of officers involved in misconduct. Tasha mentioned that the community is tired of excessive force, false arrests, and the promotion of officers who have committed serious offenses.

VI. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

A. Public Comment

**In person Public Comment** – Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 2:18:24*): Urged the CPP to ensure that mandated disclosures are made public and to maintain independence from the SDPD. Suggested that the CPP should meet with the POST Commission and the Civil Grand Jury to leverage their support in holding officers accountable.

B. Chair Ada Rodriguez led CPP into Closed Session

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISAL/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](http://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 2025-0012 (CATI)
  - b. Case 2025-0064 (CATI)
3. Discipline Memos – None

VII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION- Chair Ada Rodriguez reported that there was no reportable action.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**Southeastern Live Well Center**  
**2728 Sixth Ave.,**  
**San Diego, CA 92103**

Click <https://youtu.be/qKJP-JSzrz4> to view this meeting on YouTube.

**CPP Commissioners' Present:**

Chair Ada Rodriguez  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Clovis Honoré  
John Armantrout  
David Burton  
Doug Case  
Steve Chatzky

Armando Flores  
Dwayne Harvey (arrived at 5:04pm)  
Kirby Knipp  
Darlanne Mulmat  
Walter Sener  
Chenyang Rickard  
Imani Robinson

**Excused:**

Dan Lawton  
Lupe Diaz  
Dan Lawton

**Absent:**

Cheryl Canson  
Daniel Torres

**CPP Staff Present:**

Aaron Burgess, Chief of Staff  
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

- 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 COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR

##### **Chair Ada Rodriguez Communication (Timestamp 19:01):**

- Made a public statement and gave media interviews regarding the use of force by officers, emphasizing the importance of integrity, accountability, and public trust.
- Chair Ada Rodriguez clarified the process involving a Commissioner from District 2, explaining that it was handled by the city Human Resources department and was outside the Commission's scope. 2
- Addressed social media guidance for Commissioners, stressing the importance of maintaining public trust and the integrity of the Commission.
- Discussed attendance at community events, advising Commissioners to avoid appearing in an official capacity unless formally authorized by the Commission.
- Provided an update on communications with the SDPD regarding the fluid testing device and ADA 474 contacts, noting the lack of response so far.
- Proposed adding a "Commissioner comments" section to future meeting agendas to allow Commissioners to make brief remarks and raise issues for future consideration.
- Mentioned the need for clarity from the SDPD on whether they intend to have a designated representative at Commission meetings.
- Acknowledged the staff's work over the past several weeks and reminded Commissioners to complete their SuccessFactors training.
- Informed the Commissioners about the City Council's upcoming appointment of the next Executive Director and encouraged attendance to show support.

#### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

**In person Public Comment - Francine Maxwell (Timestamp 4:58):** Thanked the Commission for their response to the POA and discussing the importance of community engagement and collaboration with the Human Relations Commission. She also raised concerns about the use of canines by the police, suggesting a need for a closer review and update on the canine unit's practices.

#### NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS – None

#### NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES – EXECUTIVE (Chair Ada Rodriguez), RULES (1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez), COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Direct Community Engagement & Internship Programs Yasmeen Obeid), POLICY (Commissioner Imani Robinson), RECRUITMENT (Commissioner Doug Case), TRAINING (Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat)

- **Executive Committee:** Meeting is scheduled for the 28th at 4:30 PM at Procopio Towers, with an online option available.
- **Rules Committee:** No report.
- **Community Outreach:** No report.
- **Policy Committee:** No report.
- **Recruitment Committee:** No report.
- **Training Committee:** No report.

#### III. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

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- B. Chair Ada Rodriguez led CPP into Closed Session
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1. SDPD Feedback on Case-Specific Matters - None
2. Review of Internal Affairs Investigations
  - a. Case 2025-0303 (CAT II)
  - b. Case 2025-0550 (CAT II)
  - c. Case 2025-0054 (CAT II)
3. Discipline Memos
  - a. Case 2024-0623
  - b. Case 2024-0403 – No Vote

**II. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION-** Chair Ada Rodriguez reported that there was no reportable action.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.