

San Diego Privacy Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting – November 5, 2025

A recording of the meeting is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iF3uAjDAAIE>

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

Attendance:

In-Person: Tim Blood, Ted Womack Jr, Lee Duran, Yaw Dapaa, Matt Stamper, Magdalena Donea.
Quorum reached

Via Zoom: Ike Anyanetu

Absent: None

Motions Made:

- Unanimous acceptance of the minutes of meeting dated October 16, 2025.
- Unanimous acceptance of the AMENDED PAB report on the SDPD ALPR Annual Report. After significant discussion and amendments, the PAB report was approved. The Privacy Advisory Board (PAB) recommends that the City Council cease the use of Automated License Plate Recognition technology (“ALPR”) until completion of the modifications to the amended 2025 ALPR Annual Surveillance Report summarized in section II and detailed in section III, below. The PAB highlights to the City Council that Flock, as the ALPR vendor and SDPD as the user are not in compliance with the TRUST Ordinance. PAB also urges further revisions to the ALPR Annual Surveillance Report to increase transparency, provide more fulsome compliance with the TRUST Ordinance’s requirements for the Annual Surveillance Reports, increase the usefulness of the Annual Surveillance Report to the public, policy makers, and the media, and provide other City departments with an example of best practices in completing Annual Surveillance Reports.

See the final report at the Reports tab of the PAB Website: [PAB Review and Recommendation of the San Diego Police Department’s Amended 2025 ALPR Annual Surveillance Report](#)

- Unanimous acceptance of the AMENDED PAB report on the SDPD Surveillance Use Policy. After significant discussion and amendments, the PAB report was approved. The Privacy Advisory Board (PAB) recommends that the City Council approve the revised Surveillance Use Policy for Automated License Plate Recognition technology (“ALPR”) contingent on completion of the modifications detailed in the PAB report.

See the final report at the Reports tab of the PAB Website: [PAB Review and Recommendation of the San Diego Police Department’s Revised ALPR Surveillance Use Policy](#)

Other Matters Discussed and of Note:

- Thorin Klosowski – Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), was a guest speaker. Mr. Klosowski is a security and privacy activist. He “explains how the technology works and helps the general public.” EFF is a digital rights organization founded in 1990. Since 2012 EFF has been analyzing ALPR systems and documenting how they work on technical and legal levels. It has a searchable

database of police surveillance technology systems. See Mr. Klosowski's presentation at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iF3uAjDAAIE> Mr. Klosowski noted that "sharing is the default set-up of the Flock system and the users need to proactively restrict access."

Public Comments:

Verbal and written comments noted November 5, 2025 are as follows:

- Lilly: A UCSD professor – Flock has "back doors" and "side doors" to access data. ICE are doing raids in San Diego and students and workers at UCSD are not comfortable with their presence. The Flock ALPR enhances this discomfort.
- Seth: There are fatal flaws with the Use Policy. The Trust SD Coalition provided the PAB with two documents, one is the group's review of 11 critical incidents involving cities using Flock ALPR that have occurred in 2025, and the other document is the analysis Trust SD Coalition was able to perform on the City's newly proposed Surveillance Use Policy for ALPR. Flock is in the news everyday as it breaks rules. PAB and the community have provided a number recommendations to address the oversight concerns but the SDPD has seemed to ignore prior recommendations.
- Nancy: Thanks to Trust SD Coalition and others for their work. This is NOT the time to wordsmith the policies. Flock ALPR data is dangerous and not trustworthy. We recommend emergency suspension of Flock.
- Tanner: Certain US Senators have noted the many flaws in Flock and asked Flock about Flock's incidents, such as breaches, noted around the country. There are many flaws in the system.
- Homayra: We appreciate the transparency and accountability demonstrated by PAB to date. The real issue is that technology is helping with circumventing privacy policies and must be controlled.
- Jay: Changes to the SDPD Use Policy are not satisfactory. Police still do improper stops. We should require warrants for searches of historical data.
- Nancy: Flock has failed to honor privacy. Flock and SDPD have broken the law. Thus the City must shut down Flock and the ALPR system.
- Patty: Trust in local law enforcement is breaking down. Recent ICE arrests locally. Erosion of privacy has consequences. We are looking for substantive change in direction. Redirect US\$ from ALPR.
- Estrada: Flock has a cozy relationship with Trump. Federal government will turn this technology against citizens. Surveillance technology does NOT prevent crimes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

/s/ LMD as Recorded for the PAB