

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Procopio Tower
525 B Street,
San Diego, CA 92101

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CPP Commissioners' Present:

Chair Ada Rodriguez

1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez

2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré

John Armantrout

David Burton

Doug Case

Steve Chatzky

Lupe Diaz (arrived at 5:32pm)

Dwayne Harvey (arrived at 5:12pm)

Elizabeth Inpyn

Kirby Knipp

Dan Lawton

Darlanne Mulmat

Chenyang Rickard

Imani Robinson

Daniel Torres

Excused:

Armando Flores

Jay Sener

Absent:

Cheryl Canson

CPP Staff Present:

Roger Smith, Executive Director

Aaron Burgess, Chief of Staff/Policy Manager

Alina Conde, Executive Assistant

Jon'Nae McFarland, Complaint Coordinator

Olga Golub, Chief Investigator

Ethan Waterman, Investigator

- 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.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. Regular Business Meeting – January 7, 2026 – Due to correction requests, it was decided to table the approval of the January 7, 2026, meeting minutes until the next meeting to ensure all amendments are accurately made.
 2. Regular Business Meeting – January 21, 2026
Motion: Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved for approval of the amended January 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Dan Lawton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-1.
Yeas: Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Harvey, Honoré, Inpy, Knipp, Lawton, Mulmat, Torres, Rickard
Nays: None
Abstained: Robinson

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR

Chair Ada Rodriguez Communication (Timestamp 13:08):

- Emphasis on maintaining transparency, consistency, and alignment in the Commission's work.
- Request for staff to provide concise debriefs summarizing key activities, updates, and developments between regular meetings to ensure all members operate with the same information.
- Ensuring meeting recordings are consistently captured in full and begin on time, as there have been instances of late or incomplete recordings.
- Prioritizing timely case reviews, clear communication, and consistent participation throughout the year.
- Request for a structured process to track Commissioner attendance, including noting excused and unexcused absences, monitoring patterns, and making reminder calls or outreach when needed.
- Request for brief follow-up summaries after each meeting to recap key actions, requests, and next steps, supporting transparency and continuity.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR

Executive Director Roger Smith Communication (Timestamp 17:54):

- The Commission on Police Practices received a total of 72 complaints in January 2026.
- 46 complaints were filed with Internal Affairs.
- 26 complaints were filed with the Commission on Police Practices.
- 21 complaints were forwarded to Internal Affairs.
- 6 complaints were outside the jurisdiction of the Commission on Police Practices.
- Chief Investigator Olga Golub and Investigator Ethan Waterman attended a webinar conducted by the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement on stringent police pursuit policies. Detailed information regarding the webinar will be made available once received from the organizers.
- Commissioners were invited to complete a survey sent by CPP Chief of Staff/Policy Manager Aaron Burgess to better understand and meet their needs.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Virtual Public Comment – Tasha Williamson (Timestamp 20:13): Tasha raised concerns about the

pattern and practice of the SDPD excessive use of force. She mentioned a recent incident involving the SDPD bike team and requested the Commission to look into this issue. She suggested that the Commission hold a meeting with the Attorney General's Office to address these concerns. Tasha also mentioned an upcoming POST Commission meeting in San Diego in March and encouraged Commission members to attend.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Ada Rodriguez (*Timestamp 26:05*) A reminder that Commissioners need to submit the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) by April 1st, 2026.
- Clovis Honoré (*Timestamp 26:52*) A request to review changes to the California Ralph M. Brown Act and how they will impact the Commission's work and meetings.
- Bonnie Benitez (*Timestamp 27:46*) An invitation for Commissioners to attend the POST Commission meetings in San Diego on March 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

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 Darlance Mulmat)

- **Executive Committee:** No committee report presented.
- **Rules Committee:** No committee report presented.
- **Community Outreach:** No committee report presented.
- **Policy Committee:** The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Recruitment Committee:** No committee report presented.
- **Training Committee:** The committee approved moving forward with implementing bias training, which will be conducted by the City Division of Race and Equity. The staff is working on setting this up, hopefully by June. They are working towards setting up a community bus tour, possibly in the fall. The committee is coordinating with SDPD Liaison, Lindsay Winkley, to set up SDPD overview, and IA overview. This will include use of force, de-escalation, and officer-involved shootings. Commissioners received an email regarding success factor training, and any issues accessing it should be directed to the chief investigator or investigator Ethan Waterman. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th at the CPP office.

IV. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

A. Public Comment

Virtual Public Comment – Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 20:13*): Tasha requested that the Commission provide more specific identifiers for complaints reviewed in closed sessions, such as names or incident descriptions, to help the public understand the context of the complaints.

B. Chair Ada Rodriguez 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.

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- Chair Ada Rodriguez reported that there was no reportable action.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.