



Commission on Police Practices

COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, February 26, 2026
5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Procopio Tower
17th Floor, Suite 1725
San Diego, CA 92101**

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CPP Committee Members Present:

Committee Chair Imani Robinson
CPP Chair Ada Rodriguez
1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez (arrived at 5:02pm)
Doug Case
Stephen Chatzky
Lupe Diaz (arrived at 5:02pm)

Excused:

None

Absent:

Armando Flores

CPP Staff Present:

Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Yasmeen Obeid, Director of Community Engagement (Virtual)
Ethan Waterman, CPP Investigator (Virtual)

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Imani Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.
- III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Motion: Chair Ada Rodriguez moved to approve the CPP Policy Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2025. Commissioner Stephen Chatzky seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.
Yeas: Case, Chatzky, Robinson, Rodriguez
Nays: None
Abstained: None
- V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Voting in New Committee Members – Tabled
- VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
A. Review of new Bylaws that affect the Standing Policy Committee (*Timestamp 3:00*)
 - **Duties:** Commissioners are required to maintain a working knowledge of applicable laws and rules through mandatory training programs. They must also establish operating procedures consistent with the San Diego Municipal Code.
 - **Discretionary Powers:** The Commission has the discretion to exercise its duties and powers as outlined in the San Diego Municipal Code.
 - **Independence:** The Commission must maintain independence from political pressure, community pressure, and influence or control by the Mayor and SDPD to earn the community's trust and fulfill its mandate.
 - **Case Review and Confidentiality:** Commissioners must pursue and complete mandatory trainings and attend additional trainings that support the work of the Standing Policy Committee.
 - **Vice Chair for Policy:** A new position of Vice Chair for Policy will be established to act as a liaison to the policy committee and attend meetings with the SDPD and internal affairs, ensuring clear communication.
B. Discussion on Pretext Stop Forum (*Timestamp 12:50*)

The Policy Standing Committee plans to hold a community forum on pretext stops, aiming for a date between April and May. The goal is to gather community input and develop policy recommendations to bring to the full commission within the next 90 days.

 - **Collaboration:** The Policy and Outreach Standing Committees will work together to strengthen community engagement, which is essential for gathering meaningful input and feedback on policy issues. The Outreach Committee can support this effort by managing the logistics of community forums and meetings—such as identifying accessible locations, coordinating accommodations, and promoting events to encourage broad participation. This collaboration helps build trust, transparency, and stronger connections with the community.

- **Review of Pretext Stops Work:** Committee members are assigned to review the existing work on pretext stops, including reports and resources, and come prepared with questions and comments for the next meeting.
- **Case Review and Confidentiality:** Commissioners must pursue and complete mandatory trainings and attend additional trainings that support the work of the Standing Policy Committee.

Action Item: 1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez will follow up on the research related to pretext stops, specifically checking if Outreach Committee Chair Armando Flores has already done any work on this and ensuring that any relevant documents are added to the committee folder for access by all members. (*Timestamp 35:15*)

C. Review of Future Forum Focus (*Timestamp 39:20*)

1. Public Comment

❖ Virtual Public Comment Patricia De Arman (*Timestamp 49:25*)

1. Pretext Stops: This is the immediate focus, with plans to hold a forum within the next 90 days to gather community input and develop policy recommendations.
2. 4th Waiver Searches: This topic is considered a high priority and is likely to be the next focus after pretext stops. The committee discussed the importance of addressing issues related to 4th waiver searches and integrating them with discussions on pretext stops.
3. Special Operations Unit (SOU): The committee plans to address policies and practices related to the Special Operations Unit, considering community concerns and potential improvements.
4. De-escalation: This topic is also a priority, focusing on policies and training related to de-escalation techniques used by law enforcement. The committee aims to explore ways to improve de-escalation practices to enhance community safety.
5. K9 Use: The use of K9 units by law enforcement is another important topic. The committee discussed the need to address community concerns about the use of K9s, particularly in relation to de-escalation and force.
6. Medical Assistance: The committee will start research on providing medical assistance during police encounters, which may not require a community forum but will be prioritized for policy development.
7. Technology and Privacy: The committee will consider adding topics related to technology and privacy, such as smart cameras and artificial intelligence, to the agenda. They plan to invite the Privacy Advisory Board for a presentation.

D. Update on Commission Conference (*Timestamp 51:52*)

The update on the Commission Conference included the following points:

- **Facilitator:** The committee has already identified a facilitator for the conference, emphasizing the importance of having an external facilitator to aid in communication and strategizing.
- **Focus and Goals:** The conference aims to improve communication, clarify processes, and set goals for the Commission for the rest of the year. This includes understanding who to contact for specific tasks and how to implement approved processes.
- **Executive Committee Involvement:** The Executive Committee will play a key role in deciding the purpose and goals of the conference. They will work on outlining the conference agenda and ensuring it aligns with the

Commission's objectives.

- Next Steps: The committee plans to meet with the Outreach Committee to discuss logistics and community engagement for the forum. They will also work on finalizing the details for the Commission Conference and report back at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Action Item: 1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez will prepare an outline for the next Executive Committee meeting regarding the Commission conference.

(Timestamp 1:03:38)

VII. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 5pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.