



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

St. Paul's Cathedral – Guild Room
2728 Sixth Ave.,
San Diego, CA 92103

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CPP Commissioners' Present:

1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez
2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré
John Armantrout
David Burton
Cheryl Canson
Doug Case

Steve Chatzky
Lupe Diaz (arrived at 5:08pm)
Armando Flores (arrived at 5:08pm)
Elizabeth Inpyn
Dan Lawton
Imani Robinson

Excused:

Chair Ada Rodriguez
Chenyang Rickard
Dwayne Harvey
Kirby Knipp
Darlanne Mulmat
Walter Sener
Daniel Torres

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Roger Smith, Executive Director
Aaron Burgess, Director of Policy & Media Relations
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Jon'Nae McFarland, Complaint Coordinator
Olga Golub, Chief Investigator
Ethan Waterman, Investigator
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator (Virtual)
Yasmeen Obeid, Director of Community Engagement & Internship Programs

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Ada Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.
- 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

Motion: 1st Vice Chair Clovis Honore moved to accept the January 7, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner John Armantrout seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-0.

Yeas: Benitez, Honore, Armantrout, Burton, Canson, Case, Chatzky, Inpyn, Lawton, Robinson

Nays: None

Abstentions: None
 2. Regular Business Meeting – February 4, 2026

Motion: Commissioner David Burton moved to accept the February 4, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner John Armantrout seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas: Benitez, Honore, Armantrout, Burton, Case, Chatzky, Inpyn, Lawton, Robinson

Nays: None

Abstentions: Canson
 3. Regular Business Meeting – February 18, 2026

Motion: Commissioner Elizabeth Inpyn moved to accept the February 18, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner David Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas: Benitez, Honore, Armantrout, Burton, Case, Chatzky, Inpyn, Lawton, Robinson

Nays: None

Abstentions: Canson

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chair Report Ada Rodriguez (Timestamp 8:13)

- Acknowledged community feedback regarding the handling of electronically submitted public documents. A concern was raised about personal information appearing in the February 5th, 2025 agenda. The matter was reviewed, and the agenda was corrected and reposted. A full review of all CPP agendas from 2023 - 2025 was conducted to ensure proper redaction of public comments.
- Recommended transitioning to one meeting per month to focus more deeply on substantive work and improve the quality of reviews.
- Highlighted a leadership transition within the SDPD, welcoming Captain Judson Campbell and Deputy Chief Shawn Takeuchi, and expressed optimism about working proactively with the new IA leadership team.
- Mentioned significant work happening behind the scenes, including continuous learning, professional development, and discussions about national best practices. Commissioners and staff have been actively involved in shaping the approach to oversight.
- Noted that the Commission is back on track with policy recommendations and expresses pride in the thoughtful work being done.

Executive Director Roger Smith Report (Timestamp 11:28)

- On February 26th, the University of California, San Diego conducted an alumni law and policy panel, where OCPP Director of Policy & Media Relations Aaron Burgess, served as a panelist.
- Attended the Somali Bantu Association's annual Ramadan dinner, which had over 150 attendees.
- At the February 14th Lunar New Year Festival, Director of Community Engagement Yasmeen Obeid represented the Commission and made new contacts.
- Met with city legal and human resources officials to restart the meeting process connected to OCPP's appraisal procedures approved in June 2025 by the City Council. Progress has been substantial, and key pitfalls to reaching a negotiated agreement have been achieved.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Director Community Engagement Yasmeen Obeid)

- ❖ In person Public Comment, Tasha Williamson (Timestamp 13:43)

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Executive Committee – No report was made, but comments from the Executive Committee were included in Chair Ada Rodriguez's comments.
- B. Rules Committee – No committee report presented.
- C. Community Outreach Committee – (Timestamp 16:57) Committee Chair Armando Flores mentioned a conflict with a meeting scheduled for the next day and plans to report back with more information at the next meeting.
- D. Policy Committee – (Timestamp 18:40) Committee Chair Imani Robinson reported on the February 26th meeting, discussing the semi-annual report, community forum plans, and policy recommendations on pretext stops. The committee aims to have recommendations ready within the next week.
- E. Recruitment Committee – (Timestamp 22:20) Committee Chair Doug Case reported on a meeting with staff from the Council President's office to discuss integrating processes and recruiting members. An application is being considered at an upcoming City Council meeting.
- F. Training and Continuing Education Committee – No committee report presented.

NON AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner John Armantrout (Timestamp 2:06:40) Requested to add a future action item on the use of artificial intelligence in general, in policy, and case study reviews.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Community Advocates for Moral and Just Governance (MoGo)
(Presenter: Geneviève Jones-Wright) (Timestamp 23:42)

Overview: MoGo focuses on accountability, transparency, and eliminating barriers to justice for marginalized communities. They engage in impact litigation, community education, and advocacy.

Community Concerns: Highlighted issues such as racial disparities in traffic stops, fear of retaliation for filing complaints, lack of clarity about complaint outcomes, and low confidence in police discipline.

Collaboration Opportunities: Geneviève Jones–Wright suggested joint community education forums, CPP presentations at MoGo events, continued dialogue about policing trends, and co–developing informational materials on filing complaints.

Key Message: MoGo aims to build and maintain community trust through transparency and accountability in policing practices.

1. Public Comment

- ❖ In person Public Comment, Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 49:32*)
- ❖ In person Public Comment, Darwin Fishman (*Timestamp 51:20*)
- ❖ Virtual Public Comment, Yusef Miller (*Timestamp 54:42*)
- ❖ Virtual Public Comment, Patricia De Arman (*Timestamp 57:20*)

2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:00:00*)

B. Case Review Process

(Presenter: Chief Investigator Olga Golub) (*Timestamp 1:05:30*)

Overview: The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the current CPP case review process, emphasizing the importance of reviewing SDPD investigations into officer–shooting involved incidents and complaints.

Case Assignment: Cases are assigned to case review groups based on the expiration of the statute of limitations, which is one year from when the agency becomes aware of the complaint. The goal is to review cases at least 90 days before the expiration to allow time for disciplinary action if needed.

Review Process: Investigators reach out to group members to start reviewing the case. Investigators draft a report with recommendations and share it with the group. Group members review the report and evidence, then discuss and finalize the report. The finalized report and selected evidence are shared with the entire Commission before the closed session.

Key Concepts:

Confidentiality: All case review materials are confidential and considered officers' personnel records.

Conflict of Interest: Commissioners must disclose any conflicts of interest and recuse themselves if necessary.

Evaluation Criteria: Review the completeness, fairness, and impartiality of the investigation. Analyze allegations based on evidence and relevant policies. Use the preponderance of the evidence standard for evaluations.

Findings and Recommendations: Possible findings include sustained, not sustained, exonerated, unfounded, and other findings. CPP can agree with the department's findings, agree with comments, disagree with comments, or recommend a different finding.

Additional Tips: Pay attention to the thoroughness of interviews and evidence collection. Note any inconsistencies and whether they were addressed. Consider the rationale for agreeing or disagreeing with findings.

Support and Resources: The CPP investigative team, digital handbook, case review checklist, and legal guide are available to assist Commissioners in the review process.

1. Public Comment:

- ❖ In person Public Comment, Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 1:35:15*)

2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:29:38*)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Full Commission Meeting Schedule (*Timestamp 1:39:10*)

1. Public comments combined below.
2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:40:55*)
3. **Motion:** Commissioner Dan Lawton moved to approve the new full Commission meeting schedule, establishing only one regular business meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, with the addition of holding one Saturday meeting each quarter. Commissioner David Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10-1-0.

Yeas: Honore, Armantrout, Burton, Case, Canson, Diaz, Flores, Inpyn, Lawton, Robinson

Nays: Chatzky

Abstentions: None

B. Policy Recommendations (*Timestamp 1:45:22*)

1. Public comments combined below.
2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:46:45*)
Commissioners discussed the need for thorough review of department policies, consideration of best practices from other cities, and ensuring community input in the recommendation process.

Items A&B Public Comment:

- ❖ In person Public Comment, Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 1:50:14*)
- ❖ In person Public Comment, Nuhamin Aklilu (*Timestamp 1:52:47*)
- ❖ Virtual Public Comment, Patricia De Arman (*Timestamp 1:56:40*)
- ❖ In person Public Comment, Kyra (*Timestamp 1:59:25*)

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Meeting Location Requirements and Guide (*Timestamp 2:01:30*)

The Meeting Location Requirements and Guide outlines the criteria for selecting locations for future meetings. Commissioners are encouraged to explore their neighborhoods and suggest potential venues that meet the criteria. Suggestions should be submitted to Jon'nae McFarland, the Administrative Aide.

1. Public Comment:

- ❖ In person Public Comment Tasha Williamson (*Timestamp 2:03:40*)

Key points:

Operation Hours and Availability: The location must be available on the first Wednesday of the month from 3:00pm-8:30pm, or possibly from 2:00pm-9:00pm for setting up and breakdown. It should be bookable at least three months in advance. The venue should be low-cost or (if possible) no-cost.

Capacity: The venue should accommodate 50-75 people and support a U-shaped layout.

Technology and Audio Requirements: The location must have Wi-Fi, microphones, and power outlets.

Accessibility and Public Participation: The location must be accessible to the public and within the city of San Diego limits.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ In person Public Comment Kristina Lam (*Timestamp 2:05:16*)

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.