

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

**Southeastern Live Well Center**  
**5101 Market St.,**  
**San Diego, CA 92114**

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**CPP Commissioners' Present:**

Chair Ada Rodriguez

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Clovis Honoré

Cheryl Canson (arrived at 5:08pm/left at 6:30pm)

Doug Case

Steve Chatzky

Lupe Diaz (arrived at 5:08pm/left at 7:40pm)

Armando Flores (arrived at 5:08pm/left at 6:47pm)

Dwayne Harvey

Elizabeth Inpyn

Kirby Knipp

Darlanne Mulmat

Imani Robinson

Jay Sener

Daniel Torres

**Excused:**

John Armantrout

David Burton

Dan Lawton

Chenyang Rickard

**Absent:**

None

**CPP Staff Present:**

Roger Smith, Executive Director

Alina Conde, Executive Assistant

Jon'Nae McFarland, Complaint Coordinator

Aaron Burgess, Director of Policy & Media Relations

Olga Golub, Chief Investigator

Ethan Waterman, Investigator

Ching-Yun Li, Investigator

Yasmeen Obeid, Director of Community Engagement & Internship Programs

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Ada Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.
- 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 – March 4, 2026

**Motion:** Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to accept the March 4, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner Dwayne Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-1.  
**Yeas:** Benitez, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Harvey, Inpyn, Knipp, Mulmat, Robinson, Sener  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstentions:** Torres
  2. Regular Business Meeting – March 18, 2026

**Motion:** Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to accept the March 18, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner Dwayne Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-1.  
**Yeas:** Benitez, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Harvey, Inpyn, Knipp, Mulmat, Robinson, Sener  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstentions:** Torres

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR ADA RODRIGUEZ (*Timestamp 4:09*):

- Addressed community concerns regarding the handling of meeting minutes, emphasizing that the Commission does not edit, alter, or manipulate any video or documents received.
- Acknowledged issues with the quality of reporting due to the use of Teams but praised the staff for adapting quickly to ensure meetings are accessible, recorded, and documented as best as possible.
- Mentioned social media incidents, specifically a video showing an officer using force on a seated woman. Chair Ada Rodriguez clarified that the Commission does not prejudge incidents but also does not ignore community concerns.
- Discussed the importance of oversight responding to patterns, concerns, and the lived experiences of the community, emphasizing the need for honesty and process integrity.
- Explained the decision to reduce the Commission's meetings to one per month, stating it is a structural improvement aimed at preventing burnout, allowing more committee work, and aligning with best practices for deeper and more consistent oversight.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH: (*Timestamp 11:50*):

- Executive Director Roger Smith reported complaint information for February & March:
  - **February 2026:** (74) complaints received, (45) filed with Internal Affairs, (29) with the CPP, (13) forwarded to Internal Affairs, (16) out of jurisdiction.
  - **March 2026:** (69) complaints received, (44) filed with Internal Affairs, (25) with the CPP (17) forwarded to Internal Affairs, (8) out of jurisdiction.
- Announced that California POST will present at the Commission's regular business meeting on May 6th, 2026, with a 60-minute presentation followed by 30 minutes of Q&A.
- Reported that although Chief Wahl committed to providing memos on miscellaneous cases to the Commission, none have been received. Police Department leadership attributed the delay to legal guidance and the Meet and Confer process.

- Highlighted that the Internal Affairs Operations Manual, created after Measure B, attempts to create a new category of cases called "miscellaneous complaints" not subject to Commission review. This category includes a significant number of complaints, preventing the Commission from reviewing the majority of cases.
- Emphasized the importance of receiving these memos to perform their oversight duties effectively and expressed concerns about the implications for future Meet and Confer negotiations.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS YASMEEN OBEID: *(Timestamp 1:40:20)*:

- Reported on the first three months of the year, noting that the Commission attended 9 community events hosted by various organizations.
- The Commission gave 6 presentations and made 1 announcement introducing or sharing information about the Commission to different community groups. Two community resource booths were hosted.
- Director of Community Engagement Yasmeen Obeid also staffs the Community Outreach and Recruitment Standing Committees and currently supports the Training Committee by identifying, confirming, and scheduling community organizations for monthly regular CPP meetings.
- In the process of hiring 3 community engagement interns to work through the end of the fiscal year, with possible extension, and also hosting interns from SDSU's School of Public Affairs for the summer. The program is expected to continue every semester.
- Encouraged commissioners to participate in outreach efforts within their own circles, especially as more community hearings and roundtables are planned, emphasizing the need for all hands on deck.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ Francine Maxwell (In-person) *(Timestamp 18:04)*
- ❖ Laila Aziz (In-person) *(Timestamp 21:47)*
- ❖ Darwin Fishman (Virtual) *(Timestamp 25:40)*
- ❖ Makayla Nguyen (Virtual) *(Timestamp 29:16)*
- ❖ Tasha Williamson (Virtual) *(Timestamp 31:42)*

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Executive Committee** *(Timestamp 35:43)*: Committee Chair Ada Ridriguez reported that the committee discussed upcoming changes to the Brown Act and the semi-annual report that will be presented. Additionally, formal processes have been created to improve the agenda, videos, and meeting minutes for future meetings.
- **Rules Committee**: No committee report presented.
- **Outreach Committee**: No committee report presented.
- **Policy Committee** *(Timestamp 36:48)*: Committee Chair Imani Robinson reported that the Policy Committee met on March 26th and focused on pretext stops recommendations. A draft of the recommendations has been developed, with contributions from Chair Ada Rodriguez, Commissioner Doug Case, and Commissioner Armando Flores. The committee is seeking input from other commissioners before finalizing the draft and is planning a community forum in May to gather additional input on the pretext stop recommendations. The Policy Committee will move its meetings to the third Wednesday starting in May, with the next meeting scheduled for April 23rd at 5:00pm.
- **Recruitment Committee** *(Timestamp 38:25)*: The Recruitment Committee is scheduled to meet April 2nd at 4:00pm at the CPP office. Applications opened on Monday for seven positions that will begin on July 1st. These positions include representatives for District 2, District 8, three low-to-moderate income representatives, one at-large representative,

and one youth representative. The City Council is responsible for appointing one youth representative, and the committee is awaiting the date of that meeting. During tomorrow's meeting, the committee will discuss an orientation session for applicants and potential applicants, as well as the interview process for those seeking nominations in the CPP.

- **Training Committee (Timestamp 39:42):** Committee Chair Darlance Mulmat shared that the next meeting of the Training Committee is scheduled for April 9th at 5:30pm in the CPP office. There was a mention of issues with Success Factors, and members experiencing similar problems are advised to reach out to CPP Executive Assistant Alina Conde for assistance.

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

#### IV. PRESENTATIONS

##### A. Pillars of the Community (Timestamp 44:22)

- **Organization Overview:** Pillars of the Community is a nonprofit organization that works with individuals negatively impacted by the criminal justice system, primarily focusing on police interactions. Founded in 2012, the organization aims to build power within the community to change and dismantle ineffective systems.
- **Community Harm:** The presentation detailed how PC 148 causes community harm by leading to unnecessary arrests, traumatizing individuals and families, and disproportionately targeting black and brown communities.
- **Action Steps:** The campaign's action steps include filing and tracking community complaints, documenting misuse of PC 148, organizing directly impacted youth to share their experiences, conducting data analysis using public records requests, engaging local elected officials and oversight bodies to pursue policy changes, and launching a public education campaign.
- **Community Engagement:** The presentation emphasized the importance of community engagement and the need for policy changes to limit the use of PC 148, require documentation, and strengthen accountability.
- Discussed arrests for resisting arrest (PC 148) when there was no underlying crime. It highlighted cases where individuals were charged with resisting arrest without any original charge, describing this as a problematic practice and providing examples of such incidents.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. July-December 2025 Semi-Annual Report

1. Public Comment - None
2. Discussion (Timestamp 1:01:11)
  - **Overview:** The semi-annual report covers the period from July to December 2025, providing a snapshot of the Commission's activities, including case reviews, complaints received, outreach activities, policy efforts, committee activities, and other significant actions.
  - **Case Reviews:** The report indicates that while the Commission receives and assesses jurisdiction and forwards all complaints within SDPD purview to the Police Department, it does not review all SDPD complaint investigations. This includes internal complaints, complaints resolved informally, or those considered miscellaneous.
  - **Complaints Data:** The report includes data on the number of complaints received by the department and the number reviewed by the Commission.
  - **Miscellaneous Complaints:** The report highlights the issue of

miscellaneous complaints, which constitute a significant portion of the complaints received but are not reviewed by the Commission.

3. **Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez, moved to approve the amended July-December 2025 Semi-Annual Report. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-0.  
Yeas: Benitez, Honoré, Canson, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Knipp, Mulmat, Robinson, Sener, Torres  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None

B. Quarterly Saturday Meetings

1. Public Comment:
  - ❖ Francine Maxwell (In-person) (*Timestamp 1:14:25*)
2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:17:53*)
  - The Commission discussed starting quarterly Saturday meetings to improve community engagement, especially with the shift to one regular meeting per month.
  - Tentative dates proposed for the meetings are May 16, August 22, and November 21, with locations still to be determined (Otay Mesa Nestor Branch Library was mentioned as a possible venue).
3. **Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez, moved to approve the Quarterly Saturday Meetings on suggested dates of May 16, August 22, and November 21. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-0.  
Yeas: Benitez, Honoré, Canson, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Knipp, Mulmat, Robinson, Sener, Torres  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Bi-Monthly Meeting with SDPD Chief Debrief

1. Public Comment:
  - ❖ Francine Maxwell (In-person) (*Timestamp 1:26:20*)
2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:25:11*)
  - The Cabinet met with Chief Wahl and discussed topics already covered in the Chair and Executive Director reports, including the issue of miscellaneous complaints and the department's interpretation of legal requirements.
  - AB847, which concerns document exchange requirements between the department and the Commission, was discussed; no required changes were identified yet, but this is subject to update before the next bi-monthly meeting.
  - The department indicated they would consult their legal team regarding miscellaneous complaints and their interpretation of related legal obligations.

B. NACOLE Webinar Report Out “Beyond Washington: Local Civilian Oversight of Police Without DOJ Intervention”

1. Public Comment:
  - ❖ Francine Maxwell (In-person) (*Timestamp 1:35:37*)
2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:35:12*)
  - The report was presented by CPP staff at the request of the Training Committee Chair Darlanne Mulmat.
  - Key highlights included the DOJ’s historical role in law enforcement

oversight, focusing on constitutional violations and consent decrees, and noting a recent reduction in DOJ involvement and consent decrees.

- Strategies for building cooperation and reducing adversarial mindsets were shared, emphasizing early engagement with law enforcement leadership, unions, and community groups, and the importance of transparency and public-facing data.
- Budget constraints were addressed, with recommendations to advocate for necessary staffing and infrastructure for oversight agencies, noting oversight is cost-effective when it prevents costly settlements.
- Commissioners were encouraged to watch the full webinar for additional details when it becomes available on the NACOLE website.

VII. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

A. Public Comment:

- ❖ Kyra Hovey (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:45:06*)
- ❖ Patricia De Arman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:47:24*)

B. Chair Ada Rodriguez led the 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](http://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

VIII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:36pm)- Chair Ada Rodriguez reported that there was no reportable action.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- Request to move this item to before closed session.
- Discuss next steps for handling all complaints, including miscellaneous, and strategy.
- Clarify the meet and confer process, accomplishments to date, and next steps, with an outline of progress and challenges.
- Update on contracting process, including audiovisual and outside counsel.
- Update on staffing plan, including timelines for hiring General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director.
- Presentation/report on the NACOLE conference and its takeaways.
- Address the issue of discipline memos arriving too late for voting and discuss solutions.
- Ensure the agenda item about miscellaneous meeting memos is generic enough to cover all aspects.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.