



**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

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

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**CPP Commissioners' Present:**

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

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

John Armantrout

David Burton

Doug Case

Steve Chatzky

Lupe Diaz

Armando Flores (arrived at 5:27pm)

Elizabeth Inpyn

Kirby Knipp

Darlanne Mulmat

Chenyang Rickard (arrived at 5:06pm)

Imani Robinson

Jay Sener

**Excused:**

Chair Ada Rodriguez

Cheryl Canson

Dan Lawton

Daniel Torres

**Absent:**

Dwayne Harvey

**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

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez 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 – April 1, 2026  
Motion: Commissioner Elizabeth Inpyn moved to accept the amended April 1, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Clovis Honoré seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-0.  
Yeas: Armantrout, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Inpyn, Knipp, Mulmat, Rickard, Robinson, Sener  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR – *No report was provided.*

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH:

*(Timestamp 7:13)*

- Executive Director Roger Smith provided a report covering complaint statistics for April 2026:
  - (50) complaints were filed with San Diego Police Department Internal Affairs, and (32) with the Office of the Commission on Police Practices (CPP). Of the CPP complaints, (25) were forwarded to Internal Affairs and (7) were out of jurisdiction.
  - Year-to-date, (185) complaints were filed with Internal Affairs and (112) with CPP; (75) of the CPP complaints were forwarded to Internal Affairs and (37) were out of jurisdiction.
- The General Counsel position has been posted with a closing date of May 25, 2026.
- The request for proposals for the audio-visual contract is also posted.
- Staff are working with a contractor on a three-year communication plan for the office, with future updates expected.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ Paloma Cerna (In-person) *(Timestamp 9:30)*
- ❖ Kate Yavenditti (written submission and will be attached to the meeting minutes)
- ❖ Tasha Williamson (Virtual) *(Timestamp 12:11)*
- ❖ Yusef Miller (Virtual) *(Timestamp 14:03)*
- ❖ Francine Maxwell (Virtual) *(Timestamp 17:03)*

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Policy Committee** *(Timestamp 20:56)*: The Committee met on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion focused on the pretext stop forum, which has been delayed; the date is not yet solidified. Pretext stop recommendations have been drafted (about five main points with detailed subsections); input from commissioners will be requested. Plans to roll out recommendations to the community once the forum date is confirmed (forum will be on a Saturday). The Policy Committee meeting date has officially changed to the third Wednesday of every month.
- **Recruitment Committee** *(Timestamp 23:03)*: The next meeting is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline for upcoming appointments was May 1<sup>st</sup>; roughly (20) applications received, with at least 15 valid for 7-8 vacancies. At least one applicant for

each open position, including three applicants for two youth positions. An orientation session for applicants was held virtually and recorded for those unable to attend. The next meeting will cover interview questions for the nominating process and finalize the plan.

- **Training Committee** (*Timestamp 24:38*): The Committee Chair reported that commissioners received an email about the Inside SDPD event on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This event will offer insight into police tactics and RSVP is requested. Implicit bias training is scheduled, tentatively for July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Regular Business meeting, pending confirmation from the Department of Race and Equity. Community tour planning is underway; instead of a single-day event, bi-monthly visits to individual community organizations are planned, with the first expected by the end of June. Handbook updates include new sections on mandated disclosures/reporting requirements and digital resources (email, Google Drive, etc.). Commissioners are reminded that ride-alongs with SDPD can be scheduled. The next Training Committee meeting will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat asked for prompt notification regarding scheduling or cancellation of Saturday meetings to help commissioners plan and achieve quorum.

#### IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. POST (*Timestamp 29:37*) Presented by: Bureau Chief Christine Ford, Accountability Division California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training  
The POST (Peace Officers Standards and Training) presentation covered SB2's certification and decertification process, misconduct definitions, complaint intake and investigation procedures, agency reporting requirements, evidentiary standards, website resources, complaint statistics, and POST's authority limitations.

##### **Public Comment**

- ❖ Dave De Arman (In-person) (*Timestamp 1:58:50*)
- ❖ Patricia De Arman (In-person) (*Timestamp 2:01:20*)

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Creation of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee & Soliciting Nominations of Commission Officers
  1. Public Comment – None
  2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:47:01*)
    - An ad hoc nominating committee was formed to ensure at least one candidate for each of five officer positions for the upcoming term.
    - The committee consists of three volunteers: Commissioner Armantrout, Commissioner Case, and Commissioner Sener.
    - The committee will work with staff to gather applications and confirm candidates; members cannot run for officer positions to avoid conflicts.
    - Officer positions include Chair, First Vice Chair for Policy, First Vice Chair for External Affairs, First Vice Chair for Strategic Planning, and Vice Chair for Commissioner Development
    - Submission deadline for officer candidacy is May 20, and questions or submissions should go to Director of Policy Aaron Burgess.
  3. **Motion:** Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to approve the creation of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee (with members being Commissioners: Armantrout, Case, Sener) and Soliciting Nominations of Commission Officers. Commissioner Elizabeth Inpyn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-0.  
Yeas: Armantrout, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Flores, Inpyn, Knipp,

Mulmat, Rickard, Robinson, Sener

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

B. Proposed NACOLE Commissioner Attendance Policy

1. Public Comment:

❖ Tasha Williamson (In-person) (*Timestamp 1:56:24*)

2. Discussion (*Timestamp 1:51:45*)

- The Commission has a budget to send three officers to the NACOLE (National Association of Civilian Oversight and Law Enforcement) conference in November 2026.
- With the upcoming five officer positions, the policy prioritizes attendance: the Chair is always included if able, and remaining slots go to officers with the longest commission service who are available.
- If fewer than three officers can attend, non-officer commissioners may be selected using the same process.
- Commissioners may attend at their own expense if not selected or funded.

3. **Motion:** Commissioner John Armantrout moved to approve the Proposed NACOLE Commissioner Attendance Policy. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 11-1-0.

Yeas: Canson, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Knipp, Mulmat, Sener, Torres

Nays: Robinson

Abstentions: None

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Community Roundtable – Tabled

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS – Tabled

VIII. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

A. Public Comment:

❖ Tasha Williamson (In Person) (*Timestamp 2:04:33*)

B. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez 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 2025-0692 (CATII)

2. Case 2025-0405 (CATI)

3. Case 2025-0528 (CATI)

4. Case 2024-0529 (CATI)

5. Case 2025-0761 (CATII)

c. Discipline Memos

1. Case 2025-0197 – No vote

IX. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:02 pm)- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez reported that

there was no reportable action.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.