



Commission on Police Practices

COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026
4:30pm-6:00pm**

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

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CPP Committee Members Present:

Chair Ada Rodriguez
2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré
Doug Case
Armando Flores (arrived at 4:41pm)
Darlanne Mulmat
Imani Robinson

Excused:

1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Roger Smith, Executive Director
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Ching-Yun Li, CPP Investigator (Virtual)

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Ada Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 29, 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MOTION: Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to accept April 29th, 2026 Executive Standing Committee Meeting Minutes. 2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.
Yeas: Case, Honoré, Mulmat, Robinson, Rodriguez
Nays: None
Abstention: None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – None

NON AGENDA COMMENTS FROM CHAIR ADA RODRIGUEZ – None

NON AGENDA COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH (*Timestamp 3:43*)

- **Training Attendance:** Investigative staff and the executive director attended a science-based interviewing training organized by the El Dorado District Attorney's Office, focusing on moving away from confession-driven interviews to more respectful, information-eliciting methods. More information will be shared in the future.
- **Council Member Meetings:** The executive director met individually with three council members (Lee, Moreno, Elo Rivera) to update them on commission work and emphasize the need for mid-year budget funding for the complaint information management system.
- **Chief Wahl Lunch:** The executive director had lunch with Chief Scott Wahl, discussed recent department efforts, and encouraged commission participation in Inside SDPD events, including a future commission-specific session.
- **General Counsel Recruitment:** The initial job posting did not attract enough candidates due to a limited salary range. The position will be reposted with a higher salary, and the process will be monitored over the next few weeks.
- **Meet and Confer Process:** A recent meeting with the city team set a deadline for language discussions, aiming to conclude by the end of June. The ad hoc committee will review final stylistic edits, as no legal issues remain. The council will review the results in closed session.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Pretext Stop Forum

1. Public Comment – (Virtual) Patricia De Arman (*Timestamp 24:55*)
2. Discussion – (*Timestamp 19:28*)
 - **Date and Time:** Scheduled for Saturday, June 13th, from 10 AM to 1 PM.
 - **Purpose:** The forum aims to gather community feedback on policy recommendations related to pretext stops.
 - **Outreach and Marketing:** Outreach includes flyers, social media posts, and videos. Previous efforts showed social media was most effective, and this approach will be expanded. Library flyers had limited impact but may still be used.
 - **Commissioner Participation:** The forum is a business meeting with a quorum expected; ten commissioners have confirmed attendance, with

four more sought.

- **Community Anticipation:** There is growing interest, with initial social media posts reaching a wide audience.
- **Feedback Process:** Videos from the forum will be transcribed and edited for Instagram to maximize community engagement.

B. Pretext Stop Recommendations

1. Public Comment – None
2. Discussion – (*Timestamp 27:04*)
 - **Current Focus:** Recommendations are being consolidated to emphasize reducing pretext stops for minor infractions, with persuasive reasoning and breakdowns on their importance.
 - **Research:** Preparing a comprehensive research document covering practices in Los Angeles and other major cities, to inform the backbone of the recommendations. This document will be shared soon.
 - **Community Input:** The purpose of the forum is to gather community feedback before finalizing recommendations. The Policy Committee will use this input to make recommendations to the Commission and then to the Chief.
 - **Definition and Outreach:** Commissioner Doug Case highlighted the need to include a clear definition of pretext stops in outreach materials, as not all community members are familiar with the term.
 - **Next Steps:** There is consideration to present recommendations to the Public Safety Committee and possibly the City Council, especially if the police department does not adopt them. This would elevate the recommendations to city policy or law.

C. Press Release

1. Public Comment – None
2. Discussion – (*Timestamp 48:22*)
 - **Timeliness and Process:** Chair Ada Rodriguez raised concerns about the commission not issuing statements or showing awareness when local incidents occur, suggesting a need for a system to respond within 24 hours.
 - **Content Guidelines:** The committee agreed that press releases should avoid prejudging incidents, remain neutral, and focus on informing the public that the commission is aware and seeking more information.
 - **Responsibility:** It was suggested that the Chair and Executive Director have discretion to issue statements, but sensitive releases should be vetted by legal or communications staff.
 - **Transparency:** Commissioners noted that the full Commission should be notified by email when a press release is issued, to ensure transparency and avoid surprises.

Action Item:

- **Transparency Protocol** – Chair Ada Rodriguez and Executive Director Roger Smith to ensure all commissioners are notified by email when a press release is issued, clarifying whether it is from the commission or the office.

D. 2025 NACOLE Conference Debrief

1. Public Comment – None
2. Discussion – (*Timestamp 1:10:50*)
 - **Key Takeaways:** Commissioner Darlann Mulmat shared a summary of their experience, highlighting progress in building legitimacy and trust, stakeholder engagement, transparency, and creative approaches to publishing information and policy recommendations.

- **Sharing Process:** Discussion on how commissioners should share conference takeaways—suggested as brief summaries during meetings or committee discussions, not formal presentations.
- **Timing & Standardization:** Noted that future debriefs should occur soon after conferences, possibly as standing discussion items in the month following the event.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Recruitment Committee (*Timestamp 1:21:07*)

- (21) applications were received; (5) were disqualified. (16) applicants remain eligible; (12) requested nominations and are being interviewed.
- Interviews are scheduled over several days, with recommendations to be made to the commission.
- There are currently (8) vacancies: (3) low-to-moderate income seats, (1) D2, (1) D8, (1) at-large (due to Dan Lawton not seeking reappointment), and sufficient applicants for all seats.
- After interviews, recommendations will be documented and shared with the full Commission, and applications will be made accessible for review.
- Nominations will be voted on in closed session, then sent to the City Council president for final approval.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- Presentation by Internal Affairs and Officer Involved Shooting investigations (PD overview).
- Election of nominating committee for the year.
- Informational item: Community roundtable.
- Closed session: Commissioner nominations (review and vote on new applicants).
- Officer elections (with nominations from the floor per Bylaws).
- Standing committee reports (with clarification on which committees met and reporting structure).
- NACOLE Conference debrief (Informational).

Action Items:

- General Counsel Recruitment – Executive Director Roger Smith to communicate with Human Resources about the new top salary for the reposting, then initiate the new posting for three weeks and monitor candidate response.
- Pretext Stop Community Forum – Director of Community Engagement Yasmeen Obeid to continue outreach and marketing, including flyers and social media, and add videos/transcriptions for broader engagement.
- Pretext Stop Recommendations – Submit a thoroughly researched document on pretext stops, including practices in other cities, to the committee by Monday.
- Press Releases – Chair Ada Rodriguez and the Executive Director Roger Smith to ensure all commissioners are informed via email when a press release is issued and clarify whether statements are from the office or commission.
- Media Advisory for Forum – Director of Policy Aaron Burgess to prepare and send a media advisory for the upcoming community forum/hearing.

VII. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, June 24, 2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.