

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

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

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CPP Commissioners' Present:

Chair Ada Rodriguez

1st Vice Chair Bonnie Benitez

2nd Vice Chair Clovis Honoré

John Armantrout

David Burton

Cheryl Canson

Doug Case

Steve Chatzky

Lupe Diaz

Armando Flores (arrived at 5:27pm)

Elizabeth Inpyn

Kirby Knipp

Dwayne Harvey

Dan Lawton

Darlanne Mulmat

Chenyang Rickard (arrived at 5:06pm)

Imani Robinson

Jay Sener

Daniel Torres

Excused:

None

Absent:

None

CPP Staff Present:

Roger Smith, Executive Director

Alina Conde, Executive Assistant

Aaron Burgess, Director of Policy & Media Relations

Olga Golub, Chief Investigator

Ching-Yun Li, Investigator

Yasmeen Obeid, Director of Community Engagement & Internship Programs

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Ada Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- 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 – May 6, 2026
Motion: Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to accept the amended May 6, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner Steve Chatzky seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-0.
Yeas: Armantrout, Benitez, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Rickard, Sener, Torres
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR (*Timestamp 4:32*)

- **Oversight Limitations:** Highlighted the inability to independently review or investigate certain cases This underscores the need for completed legal oversight and transparency.
- **Budget Discussion:** The proposed fiscal year 2027 budget increases the SDPD general fund allocation by \$15.1 million, while freezing or holding several supervisory and civilian positions vacant. Questioned the rationale for reducing supervisory roles and increasing support for Special Operations and Finance, emphasizing the need for clarity on operational priorities. Cited publicly available data showing an officer logging about 111 hours per week, raising questions about overtime approvals, timekeeping, and oversight. The issue was referred to city departments for internal review.
- **Recent Incidents:** The recent shooting at the Islamic Center of San Diego was discussed, with stressing the importance of staffing, emergency readiness, and mutual aid systems. Effective response depends on contingency planning, risk assessment, and clear communication.
- **Use of Force and Policy Review:** Ongoing concerns about repeat use of force incidents and a downtown pepper spray event were mentioned, highlighting the need for policy review and independent oversight.
- **Grand Jury Report on Measure B:** Referenced the San Diego County Grand Jury's review, which found the CPP lacks key components for independent oversight, such as investigators, legal staff, database access, subpoena power, and a permanent executive director. Recommendations include finalizing legal processes, hiring staff, and improving access to complaint databases.
- **Leadership Transition:** Announced they will not seek another term as chair but will run for vice chair for policy, aiming to focus on policy analysis and recommendations. They expressed pride in the commission's work and commitment to continued advocacy and preparation for expanded authority.
- **Commitment to Transparency:** Reaffirmed dedication to documenting concerns, elevating critical issues, and advocating for the tools needed to ensure accountability within the system.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH:
(*Timestamp 12:24*)

- **Complaint Statistics:** In May 2026, the Commission on Police Practices received 90 complaints; 54 were filed with Internal Affairs and forwarded to the CPP, while 36 were filed directly with the CPP. Of those, 26 were forwarded to IA and 10 were outside the commission's jurisdiction.

- **Training and Symposium:** Chief Investigator Olga Golub, Investigator Ching-Yun Li, and the executive director attended a Science-based Interviewing Symposium in Anaheim, focusing on rapport-based interviewing techniques to improve reliability and reduce false confessions.
- **Upcoming Community Events:**
 - June 6: Community discussion on police accountability at 5101 Market Street, co-hosted by Saving Lives in California and San Diegans for Justice.
 - June 13: Community hearing on pretext stops at 10 AM, Public Utilities Department Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way, also available on Teams. The commission is working on a policy recommendation and will gather further community input.
- **Administrative Details:** Corrections to event flyers were discussed to ensure accurate location and zip code information.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ Tasha Williamson (Virtual) (*Timestamp 17:06*)

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Executive Committee** (*Timestamp 15:51*): The Executive Committee met on May 27th from 4:30 to 6:00. They discussed the upcoming pretext stop forum, policy recommendations, and press releases. The committee considered sending messages from the CPP about local incidents, such as the shooting at the Islamic Center, to show community support and awareness. The process for future press releases is still under discussion. Commissioner Darlann Mulmat's 2025 NACOLE report was mentioned as part of the agenda.
- **Recruitment Committee** (*Timestamp 23:50*): The recruitment committee completed the nomination process for new commissioners and prepared a report with recommendations to be discussed in closed session. The committee will meet tomorrow at 4:00 at the CPP office to debrief the recruitment and nomination process.
- **Outreach Committee** (*Timestamp 22:36*): The Outreach Committee will meet tomorrow from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the commission offices. The focus is to support the policy committee, especially regarding pretext stops. The committee will discuss completing overall outreach and address organizational matters. Members are encouraged to join the meeting.
- **Policy Committee** (*Timestamp 25:29*): The committee is organizing a forum on pretext stops scheduled for June 13th at the utilities building. Work is ongoing on presentations and a report related to pretext stop recommendations. Flyers are being distributed to various communities, and members are encouraged to share them. The committee will meet on June 17th to report on outcomes and recommendations from the pretext stop forum.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. IA and OIS Investigations Overview (*Timestamp 29:37*) Presented by: San Diego Police Department Internal Affairs Captain Judd Campbell
Internal Affairs (IA) delivered a presentation covering both standard IA processes and Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS). The presentation covered the structure, process, and timelines of Internal Affairs investigations, including complaint intake, categorization, findings, and the multi-agency procedures for officer-involved shootings, emphasizing transparency, oversight, and legal requirements.
- Public Comment**
- ❖ Tasha Williamson (Virtual) (*Timestamp 59:55*)
 - ❖ Samuel Portillo (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:04:28*)

- ❖ Patricia De Arman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:05:38*)
- ❖ Yusef Miller (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:09:38*)
- ❖ Dave De Arman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:11:33*)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of 2026-2027 CPP Officers

1. Public Comment – None
2. Discussion – None

a. **Chair** (Nominations)

NAME: Bonnie Benitez

Motion: Commissioners cast their vote for Chair of the Commission on Police Practices. By a unanimous vote, Commissioner **Bonnie Benitez** was elected as the Commission's Chair through June 30, 2027.

Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rickard, Sener, Torres

b. **Vice Chair for Policy** (Nominations)

NAME: Ada Rodriguez

Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Honoré, Case, Flores, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Rodriguez, Rickard, Sener

NAME: Imani Rodriguez

Chatzky, Diaz, Harvey, Robinson, Torres

NAME: Bonnie Benitez (*ineligible*)

Motion: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted roll call for Commissioners to cast their vote for Vice Chair of Policy. By a majority vote, Commissioner **Ada Rodriguez** was elected as the Commission's Vice Chair of Policy through June 30, 2027.

c. **Vice Chair for External Affairs** (Nominations)

NAME: David Burton

Motion: Commissioners cast their vote for Vice Chair for External Affairs of the Commission on Police Practices. By a majority vote, Commissioner **David Burton** was elected as the Commission's Vice Chair for External Affairs through June 30, 2027.

Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rickard, Sener, Torres

Abstained: Diaz

d. **Vice Chair for Strategic Planning** (Nominations)

NAME: Armando Flores

NAME: Stephen Chaztzky (*withdrew*)

Motion: Commissioners cast their vote for Vice Chair for Strategic Planning of the Commission on Police Practices. By a unanimous vote, Commissioner **Armando Flores** was elected as the Commission's Vice Chair for Strategic Planning through June 30, 2027.

Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rickard, Sener, Torres

e. **Vice Chair for Commissioner Development** (Nominations)

NAME: Darlanne Mulmat

Motion: Commissioners cast their vote for Vice Chair for Commissioner Development of the Commission on Police Practices. By a unanimous vote, Commissioner **Darlanne Mulmat** was elected as the Commission's Vice Chair for Commissioner Development through June 30, 2027.

Benitez, Armantrout, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Diaz, Flores, Harvey, Inpyn, Lawton, Mulmat, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rickard, Sener, Torres

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Community Roundtable

1. Public Comment - None
2. Discussion (*Timestamp 2:02:20*)
 - Commissioner Armando Flores reported on the December community roundtable at Malcolm X Library, where over 15 attendees discussed issues such as unlawful traffic stops, complaints not being addressed, juvenile system impacts, police response during mental health crises, surveillance technologies, and difficulty accessing commission support.
 - Acknowledged the report was delayed, explained quorum issues, and committed to releasing quarterly outreach reports for greater transparency and continuous improvement.
 - The roundtable report was revised based on community feedback and included updates to the complaint process and expectations for regular reporting.

B. 2025 NACOLE Conference Debrief

1. Public Comment - None
2. Discussion
 - Commissioner Darlann Mulmat attended the NACOLE conference and highlighted that the commission is following best practices for building legitimacy and trust, especially with a permanent executive director now in place.
 - Key takeaways included caution against using subpoena power too aggressively, the importance of transparency and publishing data, and documenting process progress.
 - Suggestions were made to improve branding to emphasize commission independence and to review NACOLE's 23 use-of-force principles for alignment with San Diego policies.
 - Mediation was discussed as a possible future option to address dissatisfaction with the complaint process.
 - Conference materials are available on Google Drive and provided a concise three-page summary for easier access.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS (*Timestamp 2:11:55*)

- Commissioner Stephen Chatzky stated that San Diego County Grand Jury report on the Commission be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Imani Robinson stated it is the commission's responsibility to be a platform for the community, mentioning that the "California Story" documentary should be shown and followed with a panel, regardless of agreement, to serve the community.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

A. Public Comment - None

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 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 2025-0520 (CATI)

2. Case 2024-0589 (CATI)

3. Case 2025-0532 (CATI)

4. Case 2024-0557 (CATI)

5. Case 2026-0060 (CATI)

c. Discipline Memos – None

IX. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:02 pm)– Chair Ada Rodriguez reported that there was no reportable action.

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