

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

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

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CPP Commissioners' Present:

Chair Bonnie Benitez	John Armantrout
Vice Chair of Policy Ada Rodriguez	Doug Case
Vice Chair of External Affairs David Burton	Steve Chatzky
Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Armando Flores	Lupe Diaz (arrived at 5:20pm)
Vice Chair of Commissioner Development	Elizabeth Inpyn
Darlanne Mulmat	Clovis Honoré (left at 6:04pm)

Excused:

Dan Lawton
Chenyang Rickard
Jay Sener

Absent:

Cheryl Canson
Dwayne Harvey
Kirby Knipp
Imani Robinson

CPP Staff Present:

Roger Smith, Executive Director
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Jon'Nae McFarland, Administrative Aide
Aaron Burgess, Director of Policy & Media Relations
Ethan Waterman, Investigator
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator
Yasmeen Obeid, Director of Community Engagement & Internship Programs

- I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: 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 a quorum.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Timestamp 9:44*)
 1. Regular Business Meeting – June 3, 2026
Motion: Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to accept the amended June 3, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner Doug Case seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-0.
Yeas: Armantrout, Benitez, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Flores, Inpyn, Mulmat, Rodriguez
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
 2. Regular Business Meeting – June 13, 2026
Motion: Commissioner Ada Rodriguez moved to accept the amended June 13, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner Doug Case seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-0.
Yeas: Armantrout, Benitez, Burton, Honoré, Case, Chatzky, Flores, Inpyn, Mulmat, Rodriguez
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR (*Timestamp 12:51*)

- Chair Bonnie Benitez expressed gratitude to fellow commissioners for trusting her as Chair for the coming year, highlighted past collaboration with Ada Rodriguez and Clovis Honoré, and acknowledged the staff, especially Executive Director Roger Smith.
- Emphasized the importance of engagement in case review, committee work, and community outreach, describing these as the most meaningful and impactful aspects of commission service.
- Outlined plans for running meetings efficiently, including time management, focused contributions from commissioners, inclusivity, and avoiding crosstalk, to protect the quality of deliberation.
- The Chair introduced the new officers and stated the intention to appoint them as liaisons and Chairs of standing committees, with more details to come in the August meeting.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH: None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (*Timestamp 19:13*)

- ❖ Francine Maxwell (In-Person) (*Timestamp 29:15*)
- ❖ Tasha Williamson (Virtual) (*Timestamp 32:45*)

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Executive Committee** (*Timestamp 18:55*): Reviewed the pretext stop meeting and discussed tightening recommendations and wording. Brainstormed ideas for a California story screening event.
- **Recruitment Committee** (*Timestamp 21:38*): Noted that one nominee withdrew due to a new job. City Council will consider appointments and reappointments on July 13th.

- **Outreach Committee** (*Timestamp 20:27*): Highlighted the impactful pretext stop outreach event with strong community participation. Attended a Juneteenth event to raise awareness of the commission. Plans to continue community engagement and announced the next outreach meeting.
- **Training Committee** (*Timestamp 22:10*): Staff are organizing community visits to replace the bus tour, aiming to start soon, possibly on Saturdays. Training status is updated on Google Drive; commissioners can request links or suggest training needs. The next training committee meeting is to be determined.

NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS (*Timestamp 36:13*)

A. Implicit Bias Training (*Timestamp 39:11*)

Presented by: Salina Villegas from the City's Department of Race and Equity
The Division of Race and Equity delivered a condensed one-hour training focused on implicit bias. The training included interactive exercises, reflection on personal commitments, and strategies to interrupt bias, such as seeking more information, inviting multiple viewpoints, and addressing systemic issues.

Public Comment

- ❖ Darwin Fishman (In-Person) (*Timestamp 1:40:21*)
- ❖ Giardin Dave De Arman (In-Person) (*Timestamp 1:43:45*)
- ❖ Patricia De Arman (In-Person) (*Timestamp 1:45:17*)
- ❖ Cat (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:48:42*)

V. DISCUSSION (*Timestamp 1:55:24*)

A. Pretext and Follow-up from June 13, 2026, Special Meeting (*Timestamp 1:55:33*)

1. Public Comment

- ❖ Francine Maxwell (In-Person) (*Timestamp 1:55:54*)
- ❖ Dave De Arman (In-Person) (*Timestamp 1:59:05*)
- ❖ Patricia De Arman (In-Person) (*Timestamp 2:00:52*)
- ❖ Cat (Virtual) (*Timestamp 2:06:17*)

2. Commissioner Comment - None

- The Commission discussed the impact and policy recommendations related to pretext stops, emphasizing racial disparities and the need for reform.
- Community members referenced the fatal outcome of pretext stops and called for accountability and policy changes.
- The Commission acknowledged the need to push for more comprehensive policy adoption and to monitor whether SDPD implements recommendations.

B. Report from the Grand Jury (*Timestamp 2:09:12*)

1. Public Comment - None

2. Commissioner Comment - None

C. New Executive Committee meeting dates - The Executive Committee meetings will now be held on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-6:00pm at the commission office. (*Timestamp 2:10:02*)

1. Public Comment - None

2. Commissioner Comment - None

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS (*Timestamp 2:10:56*)

- (Commissioner Stephen Chatzky) Discussion of Automotive license plate readers.
- (Commissioner Armando Flores) Quarterly reports from the Police Chief's office

regarding Policy Recommendations.

VII. COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION (*Timestamp 2:11:53*)

VIII. NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS - None

IX. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) (*Timestamp 1:13:07*)

A. Public Comment

❖ David Rico (In-Person) (*Timestamp 1:13:29*)

B. Chair Bonnie Benitez led the CPP into Closed Session

A. 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 2025-0399 (CATI)
2. Case 2025-0532 (CATI)
3. Case 2025-0557 (CATI)
4. Case 2026-0060 (CATI)
5. Case 2026-0268 (OIS)

c. Discipline Memos – None

X. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:02 pm)- Chair Bonnie Benitez reported that there was no reportable action.

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