The City of SAN DIEGO

Commission on Police Practices

COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
4:30pm-6:00pm

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

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CPP Committee Members Present:
Chair Bonnie Benitez
Vice Chair of External Affairs David Burton
Vice Chair of Commissioner Development Darlanne Mulmat
Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Armando Flores

Excused:
Vice Chair of Policy Ada Rodriguez

Absent:
None

CPP Staff Present:
Roger Smith, Executive Director
Alina Conde, Executive Assistant
Ching-Yun Li, CPP Investigator (Virtual)
Yasmeen Obeid, Director of Community Engagement & Internship Supervisor (Virtual)

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chair Bonnie Benitez called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MOTION: Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat moved to accept June 24th, 2026 Executive Standing Committee Meeting Minutes. Commissioner David Burton seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.
Yeas: Benitez, Burton, Flores, Mulmat
Nays: None
Abstention: None

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. NON AGENDA COMMENTS FROM CHAIR BONNIE BENITEZ **(Timestamp 1:33)**
- Chair Bonnie Benitez emphasized the importance of existing commissioners connecting with new appointees and encouraging their involvement, referencing the mentorship program and the need for support during their onboarding period.
- Discussed the importance of maintaining decorum and civility at meetings, suggesting regular reminders for commissioners and the public about respectful conduct, especially given the challenging nature of their work.

VI. NON AGENDA COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH **(Timestamp 4:52)**
- Executive Director Roger Smith welcomed new commissioners, reinforced the mentoring message, and noted their excitement and anticipated impact.
- Reminded all new and reappointed commissioners to complete their swearing-in as soon as possible, explaining its importance for official participation and mentioning efforts to make the process more convenient.
- Announced the first joint meet-and-confer meeting involving the commission, city, and union, explaining its significance for speeding up the operating procedures process and clarifying that it is a private meeting.
- Introduced five new interns, described their roles and expected contributions, noting that two will be extended for a full year.
- Stated that new commissioners will be invited to the August meeting, even if their onboarding is not yet complete, and encouraged their participation as community members.

VII. DISCUSSION
A. NACOLE Attendance
1. Public Comment - None
2. Commissioner Comment **(Timestamp 14:59)**
    - The commission has three slots for Commissioner attendance at the NACOLE conference in Louisville, Kentucky, scheduled for November 8–12.
    - Early registration runs through August 12, and attendees will have their hotel, flight (reimbursed), conference registration, and daily per diem covered.

B. Saturday Business Meeting Schedule
1. Public Comment
2. Commissioner Comment **(Timestamp 22:49)**

- The Commission plans to hold a Saturday meeting each quarter, typically in the middle of the quarter, to allow for case review, hearings, and additional training.
- The next Saturday meeting is targeted for August, with future meetings expected in November and February, aiming for predictability and better attendance.
- Meetings will likely be scheduled for the third or fourth Saturday of the month to avoid conflicts with regular business meetings.
- Venue considerations are ongoing due to commission growth.
- Once dates are finalized, prompt email notifications will be sent to all commissioners to facilitate planning.

C. Standing Committees
1. Public Comment –None
2. Commissioner Comment **(Timestamp 38:19)**
    - The commission is transitioning to having only two standing committees: Executive and Policy.
    - Training, Outreach, and Recruitment will become ad hoc committees, activated as needed for specific tasks or seasonal projects.
    - The Rules Committee will be formed to update bylaws and manage the transition, with Commissioner Armando Flores named as its Chair.
    - Chairs of standing committees are appointed by the Commission Chair; for ad hoc committees, the process is under review, with possible changes to allow Chair appointments by the Commission Chair.
    - Outreach will shift to an ad hoc model, with staff requesting Commissioner assistance for specific outreach projects, reflecting the Commission’s increased staff capacity.
    - Budget needs may prompt the creation of an ad hoc budget committee, especially after meet and confer concludes.

D. Commissioner Participation on Committees
1. Public Comment - None
2. Commissioner Comment - **(Timestamp 1:01:01)**
    - Commissioners are expected to serve on at least one committee in addition to participating in case review groups, except for the chair.
    - The bylaws may be updated to clarify that commissioners should serve on at least one committee during the year, rather than at all times, to accommodate fluctuating committee activity.
    - Ad hoc committees offer flexibility, allowing remote meetings and easier participation for commissioners and staff.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Outreach Committee - None

C. Policy Committee **(Timestamp 1:21:07) –**The committee is working on pretext stop policy recommendations, aiming to align with recent processes in LA and San Francisco by proposing bans on certain pretextual stops with safety exceptions. The target is to bring the policy recommendations before the commission at the second meeting in August. The committee is considering explicit language to ban stops based solely on minor infractions, with exceptions for clear safety concerns. There is concern about the department's responsiveness to quarterly reporting requirements related to policy implementation.

IX. FUTURE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS - None

Action Items:
- Officers will be named as Chairs of relevant committees and volunteer members will be sought for the Rules Committee.

X. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, August 19, 2026

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.