

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, August 5, 2026**

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

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CPP Commissioners' Present:

Chair Bonnie Benitez	Steve Chatzky
Vice Chair of Policy Ada Rodriguez	Elizabeth Inpyn
Vice Chair of External Affairs David Burton	Dwayne Harvey
Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Armando Flores	Kirby Knipp
Vice Chair of Commissioner Development	Clovis Honoré
Darlanne Mulmat	Jay Sener (arrived at 5:08pm)

Excused:

Lupe Diaz
Chenyang Rickard

Absent:

Cheryl Canson

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 5:00pm.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established a quorum.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Timestamp not captured*)
1. Regular Business Meeting – July 1, 2026
Motion: Commissioner Ada Rodriguez moved to accept the amended July 1, 2026 CPP meeting minutes. Commissioner Armando Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-0.
Yeas: Burton, Chatzky, Flores, Harvey, Honoré, Inpyn, Knipp, Mulmat, Rodriguez, Saner
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
- IV. NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR (*Timestamp 4:16*)
- True community safety requires more than police presence; it demands genuine understanding and connection between SDPD and the people they serve.
 - Those with the most power in the justice system (police, prosecutors, judges) are often disconnected from the individuals affected by their decisions; seeing only a person's worst day can distort judgment
 - The Supreme Court's Barnes v. Felix ruling emphasizes evaluating police use of force in context, not just at a single moment, to find the truth
 - Building real safety means SDPD officers must invest time to know the neighborhoods, families, and histories they patrol—trust and closeness are built gradually, not imposed
 - The report expresses hope that SDPD will foster this closeness, believing it will lead to greater safety for both the community and officers
- V. NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH (*Timestamp 13:37*)
- Executive Director Roger Smith spoke in regards to presentation made by the San Diego Police Department's.
 - ED Smith spoke of concerns regarding the issue of use of surveillance technologies (including ALPRs, smart glasses, drones, and body cameras), highlighting issues of privacy, potential misuse, lack of transparency, and insufficient community engagement.
- VI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (*Timestamp 19:13*)
- ❖ Roger Rouse (In-Person) (*Timestamp 18:28*)
 - ❖ Leah (In-Person) (*Timestamp 19:25*)
 - ❖ Karina (In-Person) (*Timestamp 23:00*)
 - ❖ Karen V. (In-Person) (*Timestamp 26:14*)
 - ❖ Bridget. F. (In-Person) (*Timestamp 29:25*)
 - ❖ Joseph Espinoza (Virtual) (*Timestamp 32:54*)
 - ❖ Blaire Beekman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 36:42*)
 - ❖ Darwin Fishman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 39:48*)
 - ❖ Alice Moran (Virtual) (*Timestamp 43:33*)
 - ❖ Anthony Ralphs (In-Person) (*Timestamp 44:52*)

Written Public Comment – Attached to the meeting minutes

- ❖ Debbie Kamens
- ❖ Nancy W Yamagata
- ❖ Nancy Behm
- ❖ Chelsea Geyer
- ❖ Leah Oviedo
- ❖ Anne Elliott

VII. NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

- A. Executive Committee – (*Timestamp 49:29*) The executive committee met and attempted to hold a short meeting but were unsuccessful in keeping it brief. Upcoming events include attendance at the NACOLE Conference by Chair and Commissioners Armando Flores and Ada Rodriguez.

VIII. NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioners mentioned the need for a comprehensive update to the website, highlighting outdated sections and suggesting additions for resources to better connect the community.

IX. PRESENTATION

- A. Use of Force Best Practices: The Law and How It Is Changing (*Timestamp 1:03:00*)
Presented by: Professor Sharon Fairley delivered a comprehensive training on the legal framework governing police use of force, covering constitutional standards, state law developments, agency policies, and best practices for evaluating use of force incidents.

Public Comment

- ❖ Blair Beekman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 2:09:37*)
- ❖ Darwin Fishman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 2:12:50*)
- ❖ Dave De Arman (Virtual) (*Timestamp 2:15:14*)

X. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS (*Timestamp 2:18:18*)

Director of Community Engagement and Internship Programs Yasmeen Obeid summarized activities from January to June 2026, including participation in community events, presentations, resource booths, and the onboarding of new interns, with plans for expanded outreach and collaboration with local universities and high schools.

XI. STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIR APPOINTMENT (*Timestamp 2:29:09*)

- Training Committee – Darlanne Mulmat
- Rules Committee – Armando Flores
- Outreach Committee – David Burton
- Recruitment Committee – Darlanne Mulmat
- Policy Committee – Ada Rodriguez

Motion: Commissioner Ada Rodriguez moved to accept the appointed Committee Chairs as listed above. Commissioner Elizabeth Inpyen seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with a vote of 9-0-1.

Yeas: Burton, Chatzky, Flores, Honoré, Inpyen, Knipp, Mulmat, Rodriguez, Saner

Nays: None

Abstentions: Harvey

- XII. FUTURE REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS (*Timestamp 2:31:51*).
- Audio/Visual RFP: Commissioners requested regular updates on RFP requests and needs of the Commission, emphasizing the necessity for continued discussion and transparency.
 - Surveillance Engagement Process: Commissioner Armando Flores requested guidance for the engagement process, attendance counts for public meetings, and the inclusion of community feedback in reports.
- XIII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT- None
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
- A. Public Comment - None
 - 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 2025-0499 (CATI)
 - 2. Case 2025-0807 (CATI)
 - 3. Case 2025-0268 (OIS)
 - c. Discipline Memos - None
- XV. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:17 pm)- Chair Bonnie Benitez reported that there was no reportable action.
- XVI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.