

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, August 22, 2026**

Logan Heights Library
567 S 28th Street
San Diego, CA 92113

Click <https://youtu.be/kDlOF8qck3k> to view this meeting on YouTube.

CPP Commissioners' Present:

Chair Bonnie Benitez	Kelly Brusher
Vice Chair of Policy Ada Rodriguez	Chenyang Rickard (Virtual)
Vice Chair of External Affairs David Burton	Dwayne Harvey
Vice Chair of Strategic Planning Armando Flores	Clovis Honoré
Vice Chair of Commissioner Development Darlanne Mulmat	

Excused:

Steve Chatzky
Lupe Diaz
Elizabeth Inpyn
Kirby Knipp
Jay Sener

Absent:

Cheryl Canson
Francisco Vargas

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 10:50am.
- II. ROLL CALL: Executive Assistant Alina Conde conducted the roll call for the Commission and established a quorum.
- III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
- ❖ Francine Maxwell (In-Person) (*Timestamp 48:15*)
 - ❖ Jazmine Barbosa (In-Person) (*Timestamp 51:28*)
 - ❖ Darwin Fishman (In-Person) (*Timestamp 54:45*)
 - ❖ Tasha Williamson (Virtual) (*Timestamp 59:04*)
 - ❖ Anthony Avalos (Virtual) (*Timestamp 1:01:55*)
- IV. 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 2025-0583 (CATI)
 - 3. Case 2025-0268 (OIS)
 - c. Discipline Memos – None
- V. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (12:20pm)- Chair Bonnie Benitez reported that there was no reportable action.
- VI. NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR (*Timestamp 2:13:48*)
- Chair Bonnie Benitez highlighted the onboarding of new appointed commissioners and encouraged experienced commissioners to participate in the mentor program to help newcomers get up to speed.
 - The Chair emphasized the commission's role in holding police accountable to policies, including training, compliance, and handling complaints about improper data retention or sharing. Community members and commissioners were encouraged to report any violations, especially regarding ALPR policy, either to the commission or directly to Internal Affairs.
 - The Chair announced that more information about the commission's role in surveillance use will be provided in the coming weeks and months, and recommended attending upcoming Privacy Advisory Board meetings for those interested.
- NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROGER SMITH (*Timestamp 2:15:56*)
- An audio-visual contract is under review, with a panel formed and meetings scheduled to select a suitable contractor.

- The Commission has hired Susan St. John as general counsel, who brings experience with the Brown Act, Public Records Act, administrative processes, and has served as a prosecutor and Chair of the Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board. She will start in early September.

VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ Yusef Miller (Virtual) (*Timestamp 2:17:23*)

VIII. NON-AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS (*Timestamp 2:21:30*)

- Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat (attached to the meeting minutes) shared information about the "United in Trust" training series by San Diego Police Department, recommending it especially for new commissioners and noting the upcoming training committee meeting. Commissioner Mulmat also shared that the Training Committee will meet again on October 8th, to debrief recent training sessions, discuss membership, the mentorship program, and other related items. Commissioners are encouraged to attend or send input if they have feedback on these topics.
- Commissioner Clovis Honoré commended the Chair for striving to keep meetings organized and encouraged commissioners to follow procedures for greater effectiveness and community trust.

IX. ACTION ITEM

A. Pretext Stop Proposal (*Timestamp 2:23:48*)

1. Public Comment
2. Commissioner Comment (*Timestamp 2:33:55*)
 - ❖ Yusef Miller (Virtual) (*Timestamp 2:42:45*)

Motion: Commissioner Ada Rodriguez moved to accept the proposed Pretext Stop Recommendations. Commissioner Darlanne Mulmat seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-1-1.

Yeas: Burton, Harvey, Honoré, Mulmat, Rickard, Rodriguez

Nays: Flores

Abstentions: Brusher

X. FUTURE REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS (*Timestamp 3:02:09*)

- Commissioner Clovis Honoré recommended that the Chair have a dedicated microphone for all meetings to ensure effective management.

XI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.