

**COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, September 2, 2026**

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

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**CPP Commissioners' Present:**

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| 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  
Olga Golub, Chief Investigator  
Ethan Waterman, Investigator  
Ching-Yun Li, Investigator  
Yasmeen Obeid, Director of Community Engagement & Internship Programs

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- 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. PRESENTATIONS
  - A. SoToxa System Presentation (*Timestamp 1:03:00*)

Presenter: Sergeant Gregory Minter..... 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*)
  - B. POBOR Training: (*Timestamp 1:03:00*)

Presenter: Edward Southcott ..... 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.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Timestamp not captured*)
  1. Regular Business Meeting – August 5, 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
  2. Regular Business Meeting – August 22, 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
- V. 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.
- VI. 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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*)
- ❖ Anthony Ralphs (In-Person) (*Timestamp 44:52*)
- Written Public Comment – Attached to the meeting minutes*
- ❖ Debbie Kamens
- ❖ Nancy W Yamagata

IX. 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.

X. 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.

XI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT- None

XII. 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](http://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 2025-0286 (OIS)
  2. Case 2025-0653 (CATI)
  3. Case 2025-0086 (CATI)
- c. Discipline Memos – None

XIII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:17 pm)- Chair Bonnie Benitez reported

that there was no reportable action.

XIV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.