

Policy Committee Online Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 1, 2021
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

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Commissioners Present:

Brandon Hilpert, Chair
Doug Case, 1st Vice Chair
Andrea Dauber-Griffin
Robin Spruce
Nancy Vaughn (joined at 5:10pm)

Commissioners Absent or Excused:

Joe Craver and Kevin Herington

Staff Present:

Sharmaine Moseley, Interim Executive Director

San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Staff Present:

Executive Assistant Chief McGrath

- I. Call to Order at 5:09pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes from the February 25, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting
Commissioner Robin Spruce moved for approval of minutes from February 25, 2021. Commissioner Andrea Dauber-Griffin seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1

Yays: 1st Vice Chair Case, Dauber-Griffin, Spruce, and Vaughn.

Nays: None

Abstention(s): Chair Brandon Hilpert

Absent: Joe Craver and Kevin Herington.

IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment: No public comment

V. Unfinished Business (All tabled to address new business)

1. Development of Third-Party Mediation (Nancy Vaughn)

This item is tabled until after the Commission on Police Practices is formally established/fully funded.

Officially fully funded with the new fiscal year. However, nothing can be done until the Implementation Ordinance is in place. Working item but tabled for now.

VI. New Business (Discussion/Action) Committee Chair Brandon Hilpert

1. BWC Changes

Make a recommendation to have the Police Department increase numbers of Officers and staff that would be using BWC's. One idea is to have the watch commander staff wear BWC's when processing detainees (as this can give audio reference). Another idea is to have plain clothed officers wear BWC's. Commissioner Nancy Vaughn requests elaboration as to why Lieutenants don't wear BWC's? Internal Affairs Captain Dupree explained that Lieutenants are there for supervisory support and when taking complaints, there are times when people do not want to be recorded (for various reasons). Chair Brandon Hilpert proposed to already be recording at first and then turn off the BWC if requested to give legitimacy for turning off BWC.

Commissioner Nancy Vaughn motioned to make a recommendation to the Police Department for plain clothed officers to have BWC's and activate them. Which would include the Watch Commander staff with a note that Field Lieutenants are not required to have a BWC but when dealing with issues or complaints then a Police Officer with a BWC should be present to document. Commissioner Andrea Dauber-Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0-1

Yays: 1st Vice Chair Case, Dauber-Griffin, Spruce, and Vaughn.

Nays: None

Abstention(s): Chair Brandon Hilpert

2. Use of Force Opinions (Action Item)

Requirements for UOF opinions to reviewed supervisors

Review and approve proposed memo

Proposed memo addresses to make recommendations on how cases should be reviewed and who reviews them. Recommendation to define and include pre-assaultive cues (SDPD Procedure 1.07 – Use of taser assaulted behavior life threatening behavior Use of resistance). Recommending someone from the training command staff (Lieutenant or Captain) to review, approve, and sign off on all use of force opinions. City attorney also needs to review the opinions and ensure it is legally valid, accurate,

and appropriate. There should also be a feedback loop between IA and the person who wrote the opinion.

Commissioner Robin Spruce motioned to send the Use Of Force Recommendations to the full commission and the Assistant Chief. Commissioner Nancy Vaughn seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0-1

Yays: 1st Vice Chair Case, Dauber-Griffin, Spruce, and Vaughn.

Nays: None

Abstention(s): Chair Brandon Hilpert

3. Discrimination Policy

Discussion about proposing a stand-alone discrimination policy to replace “non-biased policing” policy.

Idea to come up with a standalone “Discrimination Policy”. Commissioner Patrick Anderson researched nationwide to compare the best policy practices. (9.31 Non-Biased Policing Policy) Open for discussion.

Commissioner Robin Spruce expressed concern regarding Officers being discriminatory during an arrest or in some cases where Officers are acting in a discriminatory manner once a person is in custody. Recommendation to work with Internal Affairs on how they are determining discrimination investigations to prove intent/impact of the officer. As well as how they do discrimination trainings to continue education. Idea to hold trainings with CPP on discrimination. Chair Hilpert, 1st Vice Chair Case, and Commissioner Anderson will work together to draft some proposed language then will present it to the Policy Committee and proceed from there. Tabled for now.

4. Review Homeless Encampment Sweep Procedures

Discussion regarding existing SDPD policies, review SD Sheriff Information

Commissioner Andrea Dauber-Griffin mentioned that Chair Hilpert should reach out to the Sheriffs Department (Homeless Encampment Sweep).

Chair Hilpert will do more research before making any official recommendations. Subject for discussion during one of the open meetings and present to the full commission. 1st Vice Chair Doug Case requests that someone from the Neighborhood Policing Division who handles encampment sweeps to come to an open meeting to discuss and better understand what the procedures are for recommendation. Tabled for now.

VII. Adjourned at 6:15pm.