



AGENDA

COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, La Mesa City Hall
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the CPOB on subjects within the jurisdiction of the CPOB. Unless such subjects are contained within this agenda, there can be no discussion or action by the CPOB until a subsequent, publicly noticed meeting.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 2021**
3. **FORMATION OF COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO SELECT AN INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR**

Staff recommends the CPOB select two members to serve on the interview panel to select the Independent Police Auditor.

4. **PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT AFTER-ACTION REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**
5. **PROCESS TO ADVERTISE AND SELECT CANDIDATE FOR INTERNSHIP**

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
February 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California**

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Wiegelman called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Board Member Castanos	X
Board Member Dillard	X
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Munoz	X (arrived at 4:28 p.m.)
Board Member Smith	X
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X

Others present: Assistant City Manager Tomaino; City Clerk Wiegelman; Lieutenant Bell; Senior Management Analyst Dedmon; General Counsel Larson; General Counsel Chiappetti.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Wiegelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board Members and City staff introduced themselves.

No action was taken.

2. REVIEW OF THE BROWN ACT AND ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

City Clerk Wiegelman provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order, highlighting the essentials for open and public meetings, types of meetings, noticing requirements, rights of the public, the role of the chair, agenda item discussions, and motions and votes on agenda items.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. SELECTION OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Assistant City Manager Tomaino explained the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”) would meet twice a month for the first year and would meet once a month after the first year. Assistant City Manager Tomaino requested the CPOB select a regular meeting schedule for the first year.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Duff and seconded by Board Member McWilliams to schedule the Regular meetings of the CPOB for the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. for the first year.

Vote: 11-0

Yes: Board Members Castanos, Dillard, Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Munoz, Smith, Sylvester, and Tiffany
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed.

4. REVIEW OF THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND BYLAWS OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

General Counsel Larson and General Counsel Chiappetti reviewed the proposed policies, procedures, and bylaws of the Community Police Oversight Board.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided an overview of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Independent Auditor and explained the RFP process.

Board questions and comments ensued.

It was the consensus of the CPOB Board Members to postpone the approval of the CPOB policies and procedures until the Independent Police Auditor was hired and had an opportunity to review and provide input on the policies and procedures.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

6. NOMINATION OF A BOARD MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE ON THE INTERVIEW PANEL FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Assistant City Manager Tomaino requested the CPOB nominate a Board Member to participate on the interview panel for the Chief of Police.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Dillard and seconded by Board Member Tiffany to appoint Board Member Castanos as the CPOB participant on the interview panel for the Chief of Police.

Vote: 11-0

Yes: Board Members Castanos, Dillard, Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Munoz, Smith, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A discussion ensued between Board Members and staff regarding potential agenda items for upcoming CPOB meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

City Clerk Wiegelman adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
March 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California**

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Wiegelman called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Member Castanos	X
Board Member Dillard	X
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Smith	X
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X
VACANT (Police Beat 4 Representative)	

Others present: Assistant City Manager Tomaino; City Clerk Wiegelman; Acting Chief Nicholass, Captain Sweeney; Lieutenant Bell; Senior Management Analyst Dedmon; General Counsel Larson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Wiegelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. SELECTION OF CPOB CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Duff and seconded by Board Member Smith to appoint Board Member Castanos as Chair of the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”).

Vote: 10-0

Yes: Board Members Castanos, Dillard, Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Smith, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Tiffany and seconded by Chair Castanos to appoint Board Member Dillard as Vice Chair of the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”).

Vote: 10-0

Yes: Chair Castanos, Board Members Dillard, Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Smith, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT BYLAWS OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

General Counsel Larson reviewed the updates and changes that were made to the CPOB bylaws since the February 17, 2021, CPOB meeting and requested the Board select a regular meeting schedule that would be implemented following the first year of the CPOB.

Board questions and comments ensued.

It was the consensus of the CPOB to schedule the Regular meetings of the CPOB the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. for the first year and the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. following the CPOB’s first year.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member McWilliams and seconded by Board Member Kertson to approve the CPOB bylaws and forward to the City Council for final review and approval.

Vote: 10-0

Yes: Chair Castanos, Vice Chair Dillard, Board Members Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Smith, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

3. INTRODUCTION OF POLICE CAPTAINS NICHOLASS AND SWEENEY

Acting Chief Nicholass introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his education and experience in law enforcement.

Captain Sweeney introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his education and experience in law enforcement.

Acting Chief Nicholass and Captain Sweeney thanked the CPOB for their willingness, dedication, commitment, and efforts in serving their community.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. PRESENTATION BY HILLARD HEINTZE REGARDING AFTER ACTION REPORT

Robert Davis and Chad McGinty of Hillard Heintze provided a PowerPoint presentation on the assigned tasks for the after-action report, the process involved in an after-action report, the overall observations and key findings of the after-action report, and their recommendations moving forward.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT AFTER-ACTION REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Assistant City Manager Tomaino suggested Item 5 be laid over to the next CPOB meeting to allow sufficient time for the presentation and Board discussion.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member McWilliams and seconded by Chair Castanos to layover the Item to the CPOB meeting of March 17, 2021.

Vote: 10-0

Yes: Chair Castanos, Vice Chair Dillard, Board Members Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Board Member Smith

Motion passed.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A discussion ensued between Board Members and staff regarding potential agenda items for upcoming CPOB meetings.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino announced the resignation of Board Member Munoz who was the Police Beat 4 Representative.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castanos adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.