



**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 (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 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.