



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
March 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 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Board Member Castaños	X
Board Member Dillard	X
Board Member Duff	X (arrived at 4:06 p.m.)
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X
VACANT (Police Beat 4 Representative)	
VACANT (Older Adult Representative)	

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Castaños led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Kertson and seconded by Board Member Sylvester to approve the minutes for the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”) Special meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Vote: 8-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Board Member Duff

Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member McWilliams and seconded by Board Member Kertson to approve the minutes for the CPOB Regular meeting held Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Vote: 8-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Board Member Duff

Motion passed.

3. FORMATION OF COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO SELECT AN INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

Assistant City Manager Tomaino explained the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) process and the process for selecting an Independent Police Auditor from the submitted RFPs. Assistant City Manager Tomaino requested the CPOB select two Board Members to participate on the selection committee for the Independent Police Auditor.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Chair Castaños announced that Board Member Johnson would be participating on the interview panel for the Chief of Police.

Board questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member McWilliams and seconded by Board Member Johnson to appoint Vice Chair Dillard and Board Member Fuentes to serve on the interview panel to select the Independent Auditor.

Vote: 9-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

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

Acting Chief Nicholass and Captain Sweeney provided a PowerPoint presentation on the La Mesa Police Department's ("LMPD") efforts to implement the Hillard Heintze After-Action Report recommendations. Acting Chief Nicholass and Captain Sweeney reviewed the changes that were made by the LMPD following the events of May 30, 2020 and the continued efforts of the LMPD.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5. PROCESS TO ADVERTISE AND SELECT CANDIDATE FOR INTERNSHIP

City Clerk Wiegelman reviewed the recruitment and selection process for the CPOB Internship Program. City Clerk Wiegelman said the recruitment flyer and application would be ready by the April 21, 2021 CPOB Regular meeting.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Wiegelman provided an update on the process and timeline for filling the two unscheduled vacancies on the CPOB.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.