



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
May 19, 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

Chair Castaños called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Chair Castaños	X
Vice Chair Dillard	X
Board Member Darby	X
Board Member Davis	X
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X

Others present: Assistant City Manager Tomaino; Lieutenant Bell; City Clerk Wiegelman; General Counsel Larson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Tiffany 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 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 AND MAY 5, 2021**

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Darby and seconded by Vice Chair Dillard to approve the minutes for the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”) Regular meeting held Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Vote: 11-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Darby and seconded by Board Member McWilliams to approve the minutes for the CPOB Regular meeting held Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

Vote: 11-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

2. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Bell provided an update on the Complaint Handbook and Form Ad Hoc Subcommittee proceedings, the quarterly meeting between the La Mesa Police Department (LMPD) leadership and the La Mesa faith community leadership, and LMPD’s scheduled meet and greet walks.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD WORK PLAN

Chair Castaños explained the resolutions to the concerns that were raised at the previous CPOB meeting in regards to the CPOB Work Plan.

A discussion ensued between the CPOB Board Members and staff regarding updates and changes to the CPOB Work Plan.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Darby and seconded by Board Member McWilliams to approve the Annual CPOB Work Plan, as amended, to add: (1) a statement that the legal retainer for legal representation with Strumwasser & Woocher LLP would be updated to indicate that the Strumwasser & Woocher legal team would serve as general counsel to the CPOB; (2) an organizational membership to National Association for Civilian Citizens Oversight of Law Enforcement (“NACOLE”) for all members of the CPOB; and (3) the word ‘training’ to Item 8,

Goal 2 of the Work Plan to have it read as “make recommendations to LMPD regarding policies, strategies, and training.”

Vote: 11-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

4. PRESENTATION FROM SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DR. JOSHUA CHANIN REGARDING RESEARCH METHODS AND DATA COLLECTION RELATED TO TRAFFIC STOPS AND POLICE FIELD INTERVIEWS.

Dr. Joshua Chanin, San Diego State University School of Public Affairs Associate Professor, held an open-ended discussion with the CPOB regarding research methods and data collection related to traffic stops and police field interviews.

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted the day of the CPOB meeting.

David Myers submitted a comment thanking Dr. Joshua Chanin for his presentation and recommended the CPOB request City leaders to fund an initial review of police data to allow the CPOB to prepare evidence-based police policy and funding recommendations on an on-going basis.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment regarding the available data from LMPD and encouraged the CPOB to monitor the LMPD ‘use of force’ data.

Following CPOB questions and comments, no action was taken.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided an update on the Request for Proposals for an Independent Police Auditor.

Chair Castaños, Vice Chair Dillard, Board Member Darby, and Board Member Davis attended a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) workshop and shared some of their takeaways from the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.