



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
September 1, 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Chair Castaños	X
Vice Chair Dillard	
Board Member Darby	X
Board Member Davis	X
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X (arrived at 4:01 p.m.)
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X (arrived at 4:01 p.m.)
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X

Others present: Assistant City Manager Tomaino; City Clerk Wiegelman; General Counsel Larson; Independent Police Auditor (“IPA”) Nunley, and Rasmussen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Fuentes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Lynch provided an update on the La Mesa Police Department (“LMPD”) staffing and introduced the new facility dog, Declan.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

2. PRESENTATION FROM INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR ON POLICE-COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAMS

IPA Rasmussen provided an overview of police-community mediation programs and the statistics of success.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEMBERS ON DE-ESCALATION TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE SAN DIEGO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Chair Castaños, Board Member Duff, Board Member Sylvester, and Board Member Darby shared what they learned from the de-escalation training provided by the San Diego District Attorney's Office.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD MEMBERS ON COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: UNITED AGAINST HATE

Chair Castaños and Board Member Darby shared their takeaways from the Community Conversation: United Against Hate event.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES IN PREPARATION OF AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LA MESA CITY COUNCIL

Chair Castaños summarized the purpose and duties of the ad hoc subcommittees established for the preparation of the CPOB Annual Report and the information that should be included in each ad hoc subcommittee's report.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino said Senior Management Analyst Dedmon would be contacting the Board Members to determine meeting dates and times for each ad hoc subcommittee. Assistant City Manager Tomaino stated each ad hoc subcommittee would meet approximately three times over the next couple of months.

Board Member Davis was appointed to the Hiring Practices/Promotions, and Employee Wellness Programs Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

General Counsel Larson reviewed La Mesa Municipal Code Sections 2.30.100 and 2.30.110 which set forth the powers and duties of the CPOB and outline the public reports to be drafted and issued by the CPOB.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Castaños encouraged Board Members to reach out to individuals who may be interested in the CPOB internship program and announced the CPOB Regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021 was cancelled.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino announced the National Association for Civilian Citizens Oversight of Law Enforcement (“NACOLE”) had upcoming virtual trainings.

Senior Management Analyst Dedmon explained how Board Members could sign up for the NACOLE trainings.

IPA Rasmussen announced the IPA team would be transmitting the first audit in a couple of days.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.