

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE
5:00 PM, LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM
8085 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

**MINUTES
September 23, 2020**

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 5:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Robert Duff	X
Dr. Janet Castanos	X
Jamal McRae	X
Susan Wayne	X
Caitlin Tiffany	X
Patricia Dillard	X
Rev. Frank Willey	X
Joshua David Morse	X
Kathie Taylor	x
Andy Trimlett	X
Alexzander White	X

Others present: City Clerk Wiegelman; Lieutenant Lynch; Community Service Officer Allsberry; General Counsel Larson; General Counsel Chiappetti

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments submitted.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Chair Dillard and seconded by Member Duff to approve the minutes for the Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force Regular Meeting held Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

Vote: 10-0

Yes: Chair McRae, Vice Chair Castanos, Members Wayne, Tiffany, Dillard, Willey, Trimlett, Duff, Taylor, and White

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Member Morse

Motion passed.

Task Force Member Morse joined the meeting.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE'S RESPONSE LETTER REGARDING THE LA MESA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION'S "REQUEST TO MEET AND CONFER" LETTER

Task Force Member White introduced himself as a representative of the La Mesa Police Department Police Officers' Association (POA).

The letter was reviewed by the Task Force and legal counsel, and appropriate amendments were agreed upon.

Dave Myers submitted a comment regarding the relationship between the Task Force and the La Mesa Police Department POA.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Chair Castanos and seconded by Member Duff to approve and authorize Member Trimlett to read the response letter, with the discussed changes, to the City Council at the October 13, 2020 City Council meeting; accompanied by Chair McRae.

Vote: 10-0-1

Yes: Chair McRae, Vice Chair Castanos, Members Wayne, Tiffany, Dillard, Willey, Trimlett, Duff, Taylor, and Morse

No: None

Abstained: Member White

Absent: None

Motion passed.

3. STAFF AND TASK FORCE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Task Force discussed Member White's role as a representative of the La Mesa Police Department POA.

Vice Chair Castanos suggested discussing the survey regarding community attitudes towards the police at the next Task Force meeting.

The Task Force discussed the interviews being conducted by Hillard Heintze for the after action report regarding the events of May 30, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair McRae adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Prepared by:

Nora Allsberry, Community Service Officer