



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
October 6, 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 Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

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	X
Board Member Darby	X
Board Member Davis	X (arrived at 4:01 p.m.)
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X (arrived at 4:04 p.m.)
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Davis 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, AUGUST 18, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Darby and seconded by Board Member Duff to approve the minutes for the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”) Regular meeting held Wednesday, August 18, 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 Duff to approve the minutes for the CPOB Regular meeting held Wednesday, September 1, 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 UPDATES

Chief Sweeney provided an update on the La Mesa Police Department’s (“LMPD”) staffing, recruitment efforts, and promotions, the LMPD’s community outreach efforts, the 2021 Oktoberfest, and the new hires for the Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement (“HOME”) Program.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. UPDATE FROM THE LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Chief Sweeney announced the upcoming trainings and how to sign-up for them. Chief Sweeney encouraged the Board Members to attend one or more of the trainings.

- Force Options Simulator Training on October 21, 2021 and November 4, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Police Ride-Along scheduled by request

- Game Changer event with Helix High School on October 15, 2021

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. UPDATE FROM CPOB AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEES ON ANNUAL REPORT

The Policies, Operations, and Trainings Ad Hoc Subcommittee provided a progress update on their section of the CPOB's annual report.

The Emergency Operations and Communications Ad Hoc Subcommittee provided a progress update on their section of the CPOB's annual report.

The Community Policing and Outreach Programs Ad Hoc Subcommittee provided a progress update on their section of the CPOB's annual report.

The Hiring Practices/Promotions and Employee Wellness Programs Ad Hoc Subcommittee provided a progress update on their section of the CPOB's annual report.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5. REVIEW / UPDATE OF STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR CPOB INTERNSHIP

City Clerk Wiegelman provided an update on the outreach efforts for the CPOB internship program and the number of applications received. One application had been received.

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to reach out to the applicant to confirm interest and schedule an interview and to begin recruitment for the next semester's internship.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Castaños provided an update on the CPOB community survey.

City Clerk Wiegelman provided an update on the CPOB expiring terms and annual recruitment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.