



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
November 3, 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 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Chair Castaños	X
Vice Chair Dillard	
Board Member Darby	X
Board Member Davis	X (arrived at 4:01 p.m.)
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	
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; City Clerk Wiegelman; General Counsel Chiappetti; Independent Police Auditor (“IPA”) Montejano, Nunley, and Rasmussen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Darby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 2:00 p.m. the day of the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”) meeting.

Rich Riel submitted a comment regarding corruption in the La Mesa Police Department (“LMPD”) at the command level.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 2021.

Vote: 8-0

Yes: Chair Castaños, Board Members Darby, Duff, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Vice Chair Dillard, Board Members Davis and Fuentes

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 Citizens Academy program. He shared information about Police Academy attendees and graduates.

The Halloween Drive-through event held on Sunday, October 31 2021 was an extreme success. Chief Sweeney thanks the community for their support.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Chief Sweeney introduced the following new members of the LMPD:

Lindsey Dunwald, Police Dispatcher
Shelby Robinson, Police Officer Trainee
Juan Herrera, Police Officer Trainee

Police Dispatcher Dunwald provided a brief overview of her experience and future goals.

Police Officer Trainee Robinson provided a brief overview of his experience and future goals.

Police Officer Trainee Herrera provided a brief overview of her experience and future goals.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. 2022 COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD WORKPLAN

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided an overview of the 2022 CPOB Work Plan, and the highlighted goals.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Chair Castaños commented on Work Plan Item 2 “Gathering of Baseline Information” and providing a progress status report. She addressed the status updates for Work Plan Items 1-10 before final approval.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Kertson announced he would be stepping down from the CPOB at the end of the year.

Chair Castaños reviewed the previous trainings and upcoming trainings offered by the LMPD.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino reminded the CPOB of the mandatory ethics training to be completed by December 31, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

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