



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
November 17, 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
Board Member Duff	X (arrived at 4:30 p.m.)
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X (arrived at 4:02 p.m.)
Board Member McWilliams	X (arrived at 4:02 p.m.)
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Tiffany 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 alleged corruption in the La Mesa Police Department (“LMPD”).

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Chief Sweeney provided an update on LMPD's staffing and recruitment efforts. Chief Sweeney announced the LMPD was working on an upcoming training for the CPOB and encouraged the Board Members to participate in a police ride-along. Chief Sweeney shared information on the Mobile Crisis Response Team ("MCRT"), a response team for mental health crisis.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

2. UPDATED INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

General Counsel Chiappetti reviewed the updates to the Independent Police Auditor Policies and Procedures.

Board questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Darby and seconded by Board Member Fuentes to change the title of Section 1 to better reflect the information being provided and forward to the City Council for consideration and approval.

Vote: 10-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Board Member Duff

Motion passed.

3. DRAFT 2022 COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD WORKPLAN

Chair Castaños provided an update on the review of the CPOB Workplan. She commented on the review of reports from the ad hoc subcommittees and commended the stellar work put forth. Chair Castaños announced the Workplan presentation was scheduled for a February 2022 Council meeting.

Board questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to add a new item to the 2022 Work Plan regarding public and employee health and safety.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Tomaino reminded Board members to attend mandatory ethics training.

City Clerk Wiegelman informed the Board of the terms expiring at the end of the year and reminded those members to submit their application for consideration of reappointment.

Chair Castaños mentioned meeting with the La Mesa Police Officers' Association quarterly and shared information on National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement ("NACOLE") workshop trainings.

City Clerk Wiegelman introduced the new Deputy City Clerk, Stacy Ready.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.