



AGENDA

COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, La Mesa City Hall
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the CPOB on subjects within the jurisdiction of the CPOB. Unless such subjects are contained within this agenda, there can be no discussion or action by the CPOB until a subsequent, publicly noticed meeting.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETINGS HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 AND MAY 5, 2021**
- 2. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**
- 3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD WORK PLAN**
- 4. PRESENTATION FROM SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DR. JOSHUA CHANIN REGARDING RESEARCH METHODS AND DATA COLLECTION RELATED TO TRAFFIC STOPS AND POLICE FIELD INTERVIEWS.**

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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9. (a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:
- (1) Punctuation is not counted.
 - (2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
 - (3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
 - (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.
 - (5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
 - (6) Dates shall be counted as one word.
 - (7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.
 - (8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
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**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
April 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California**

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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	X
Board Member Darby	X
Board Member Davis	X
Board Member Duff	
Board Member Fuentes	X
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; Lieutenant Bell; Senior Management Analyst Dedmon; General Counsel Larson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member McWilliams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Castaños and Vice Chair Dillard reflected on the verdict of the Derek Chauvin trial.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Kertson and seconded by Board Member McWilliams to approve the minutes for the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”) Regular meeting held Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

Vote: 8-0-2

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

No: None

Abstained: Board Members Darby and Davis

Absent: Board Member Duff

Motion passed.

2. INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Darby, Older Adult Representative, and Board Member Davis, Police Beat 4 Resident Representative, introduced themselves.

3. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Lieutenant Bell provided an update on the efforts, trainings and activities of the La Mesa Police Department.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. DETERMINATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE

Assistant City Manager Tomaino conducted a random drawing to determine the term length for each Board Member.

The term lengths were drawn as follows:

Name	Representative	Term End Date
Board Member Tiffany	Police Beat 3 Resident	December 31, 2021 (one year term)
Vice Chair Dillard	Police Beat 1 Resident	December 31, 2021 (one year term)
Board Member Sylvester	Advocate for People Experiencing Homelessness	December 31, 2021 (one year term)
Board Member Davis	Police Beat 4 Resident	December 31, 2021 (one year term)
Board Member Johnson	Police Beat 2 Resident	December 31, 2021 (one year term)

Chair Castaños	Helix Charter High School	December 31, 2022 (two year term)
Board Member Darby	Older Adult	December 31, 2022 (two year term)
Board Member Duff	La Mesa-Spring Valley School District	December 31, 2022 (two year term)
Board Member Fuentes	Young Adult	December 31, 2022 (two year term)
Board Member Kertson	La Mesa Faith Based Community	December 31, 2022 (two year term)
Board Member McWilliams	Business Community	December 31, 2022 (two year term)

Following the random drawing, no action was taken.

5. INTERNSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE: RECRUITMENT FLYER AND APPLICATION

Board discussion ensued regarding updates and changes to the internship program application and flyer.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

6. REVIEW OF DRAFT COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD WORK PLAN

Chair Castaños explained the subcommittee made changes to the CPOB Work Plan and asked the other CPOB Members to provide further input.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Dillard and Board Member Fuentes provided an update on the selection of the Independent Police Auditor.

Chair Castaños read an excerpt from a Union Tribune article quoting Dr. Akilah Weber.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
May 5, 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 4:03 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
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X (arrived at 4:51 p.m.)
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X

Others present: Assistant City Manager Tomaino; Lieutenant Bell; City Clerk Wiegelman; Senior Management Analyst Dedmon; General Counsel Chiappetti.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Dillard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Bell provided an update on the efforts of the ad hoc subcommittee reviewing the complaint handbook and form and introduced Detective Garcia who would be providing the CPOB with information on the LMPD hiring and training processes.

No action was taken on this Item.

2. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD WORK PLAN

A discussion ensued between the CPOB Board Members and staff regarding updates and changes to the CPOB Work Plan.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. OVERVIEW OF POLICE OFFICER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (“POST”) TO INCLUDE THE POLICE ACADEMY, FIELD TRAINING, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Detective Garcia provided a PowerPoint presentation on officer hiring, training, and certification, highlighting California POST, the LMPD ideal candidate values, the application and testing process, background investigations, the San Diego Regional Police Academy, phase training, and LMPD required training.

Detective Garcia announced the three dates for the *Dynamics of a Traffic Stop* training. The training dates were as follows:

- Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the LMPD
- Tuesday, May 25, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the LMPD
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the LMPD

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Wiegelman announced the updated internship program application was available on the City’s website and the updated internship program flyer would be added to the City’s website when completed.

Board Member Duff inquired about the format and location for future meetings.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino responded to Board Member Duff’s questions.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino stated there could be flexibility with the start times of the *Dynamics of a Traffic Stop* trainings and provided an update on the Request for Proposals for the Independent Police Auditor.

Board Member McWilliams spoke on including training input and recommendations to the CPOB Work Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

DRAFT

DRAFT Community Police Oversight Board ("CPOB") Work Plan

Work Plan Item 1: Complete Administrative Setup of CPOB

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Create bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual to help establish CPOB	1.1. CPOB reviewed draft Bylaws; City Council adopted CPOB bylaws on March 9, 2021. 1.2 Establish Terms of Office for CPOB. 1.3 Provide Policies and Procedures Manual to IPA for review; CPOB to provide comments. Staff will present Policies and Procedures to City Council. 1.4 Work with City staff to provide input regarding ongoing funding needs to the City Council to achieve the objectives defined in the CPOB Ordinance.	Bylaws adopted by City Council. Terms of Office determined on April 21, 2021. CPOB to review Policies and Procedures Manual with Independent Police Auditor.

Work Plan Item 2: Conduct data collection to gather baseline information for the purpose of measuring change over time

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Conduct data collection (i.e. arrests, stop data, Community Survey, etc.) to gather baseline information to measure change over time.	Work with the City, local universities, and research institutions to collect, review, and update data regarding attitudes towards policies and practices of the LMPD.	

Work Plan Item 3: Hire Independent Police Auditor

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Participate in the hiring of an Independent Police Auditor for the CPOB.	1.1 Develop & advertise RFP. 1.2 Provide questions for Independent Police Auditor interviews (Dillard & Fuentes). 1.3 Review Request for Proposals (RFP's) (Dillard & Fuentes). 1.4 Conduct interviews and rate candidates (Dillard & Fuentes). 1.5 Make recommendation to City Council (CPOB motion for approval). 1.6 Item scheduled for next regularly scheduled Council meeting (approval of contract).	RFP 21-11 developed & advertised; questions for IPA interviews provided; candidate ratings completed.
2. Introduce selected Independent Police Auditor to CPOB	2.1 Schedule selected auditor at the next appropriate regularly scheduled CPOB meeting to introduce themselves and provide a presentation (after City Council approval of contract).	

Work Plan Item 4: Receive introductory training and continuing educational training for all new and current CPOB members

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Receive confidentiality training (from legal counsel) for the purpose of reviewing personnel or other documents that are protected by privacy laws.	1.1 Receive and complete initial training by December 31, 2021.	Ongoing
2. Receive training on LMPD policies and procedures, including officer training, vehicular stops, arrests, and use of force.	2.1 Receive and complete initial training by December 31, 2021.	Ongoing
3. Receive training on Community-oriented Policing.	3.1 Receive and complete initial training by December 31, 2021.	Ongoing
4. Receive training on Emergency Operations and Communications as a part of the Incident Command System ("ICS") and National Incident Management ("NIMS") System.	4.1 Receive and complete initial training by December 31, 2021.	Ongoing
5. Receive training on LMPD hiring practices and employee wellness.	5.1 Receive and complete initial training by December 31, 2021.	Ongoing

6. Receive training from other qualified agencies, professional organizations (i.e. National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement "NACOLE"), etc.	6.1 Receive and complete initial training by December 31, 2021.	Ongoing
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Work Plan Item 5: Create internship application and program for La Mesa residents currently enrolled in high school or college to serve as temporary, non-voting CPOB members

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Create an internship application/program for La Mesa residents currently enrolled in high school or college and between the ages of 16 and 22 through which students may serve as temporary, non-voting CPOB members.	1.1 Create application/program 1.2 Advertise non-voting positions in April. 1.3 Complete interviews in August. 1.4 Appointment of non-voting positions in September.	Application for program created; advertisement of positions completed.
2. Review internship application/program and make modifications as necessary.		Ongoing

Work Plan Item 6: Develop a program for the accessibility and mediation of the complaint process

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Develop a program for the mediation of complaints, in coordination with the Chief of Police and with the assistance of other qualified experts as needed.	1.1 Create Subcommittee and/or select CPOB board members to develop draft program. 1.2 Present draft program to CPOB for comments and feedback. 1.3 Incorporate comments and feedback into recommended program and bring back to CPOB for approval (if necessary).	Subcommittee created, creation of draft program in process.
2. Implement mediation program and access mediation services such as the National Conflict Resolution Center ("NCRC") and NACOLE when necessary.	2.1 Access mediation services when necessary. 2.2 Schedule item on CPOB agenda for discussion and approval of program (motion).	
3. Approve formal complaint form and make it accessible to public.	3.1 Work with LMPD to finalize one complaint form to be used by CPOB and LMPD. 3.2 Determine where complaint form(s) will be located on website. 3.3 Implement complaint form.	
4. Determine effective outreach and messaging regarding the complaint process.	4.1 Identify strategies and platforms to utilize. 4.2 Work with City staff to implement outreach and messaging strategies.	
5. Review and evaluate outreach and messaging strategies as necessary.	5.1 Review and evaluate as necessary.	

Work Plan Item 7: Develop and recommend community outreach programs regarding policing in La Mesa

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Develop and recommend, in conjunction with the LMPD and City, community outreach programs regarding policing in La Mesa and community outreach events to communicate information or events in collaboration with or independent of LMPD designed to encourage safety and emergency preparedness.	1.1 Create Subcommittee and/or select CPOB board members to develop and recommend draft programs. 1.2 Present recommended programs to CPOB for comments and feedback. 1.3 Incorporate comments and feedback into recommended program and bring back to CPOB for approval (if necessary).	
2. Identify ideas for LMPD to participate in activities that bridge the gap and improve relationships with people of color.	2.1 Identify strategies and special events. 2.2 Work with LMPD to implement activities.	
3. Update and maintain webpage for CPOB as necessary and develop PSA and social media outreach.	3.1 Identify materials to be added or updated on the webpage as necessary (handbook, forms, bylaws, work plan, etc.).	Ongoing

Work Plan Item 8: Develop and recommend alternative social service and crime-prevention policies and strategies		
Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Form a sub-group to study, develop, and recommend alternative social service and crime-prevention policies and strategies to the Chief of Police, Mayor, City Council, and City Manager; assess and make recommendations regarding the role in public safety of social services, including those related to mental health, alcohol and substance abuse, homelessness, juvenile justice, and education.	1.1 Orient and educate CPOB regarding which current social service and crime prevention policies are currently in place. 1.2 Create sub-group and/or select CPOB board members to develop and recommend policies and strategies. 1.3 Present recommended policies and strategies to CPOB for comments and feedback. 1.4 Incorporate comments and feedback into recommended policies and strategies and bring back to CPOB for approval (if necessary).	
2. Make recommendations to LMPD regarding policies and strategies.	2.1 Schedule item on CPOB agenda for discussion and approval of social service and crime-prevention policies and strategies (motion).	
Work Plan Item 9: Provide semi-annual and annual reports to La Mesa City Council and City Manager		
Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. In conjunction with the Independent Police Auditor, provide semi-annual public reports to City Council and City Manager on the number and types of complaints reviewed and the CPOB's response, investigative findings, analysis, and police progress on CPOB recommendations.	1.1 Schedule item on CPOB agenda as needed to discuss, review, and finalize each six month public report. 1.2 Determine which two months each fiscal year to present public report to City Council.	
2. Draft and issue public reports regarding policies, procedures, practices, and training as to regular operations.	2.1 Create subcommittee for report. 2.2 Schedule item on CPOB agenda as needed to discuss, review, and finalize each annual public report.	
3. Draft and issue public reports regarding policies, procedures, and practices as to hiring and promotions.	3.1 Create subcommittee for report. 3.2 Schedule item on CPOB agenda as needed to discuss, review, and finalize each annual public report.	
4. Draft and issue public reports regarding policies, procedures, practices, and training as to internal investigations of misconduct.	4.1 Create subcommittee for report. 4.2 Schedule item on CPOB agenda as needed to discuss, review, and finalize each annual public report.	
5. Draft and issue public reports regarding initial and in-service trainings in de-escalation techniques, human relations instruction, and implicit bias training.	5.1 Create subcommittee for report. 5.2 Schedule item on CPOB agenda as needed to discuss, review, and finalize each annual public report.	
6. Draft and issue public reports regarding policies, procedures, practices, and training as to community-oriented policing.	6.1 Create subcommittee for report. 6.2 Schedule item on CPOB agenda as needed to discuss, review, and finalize each annual public report.	
7. Draft and issue public reports regarding any and all other areas of policing or LMPD policies, procedures, practices, and training that the CPOB finds appropriate to review.	7.1 Create subcommittee for report. 7.2 Schedule item on CPOB agenda as needed to discuss, review, and finalize each annual public report.	
Work Plan Item 10: Work with the La Mesa Police Department to implement Hillard Heintze After Action Report recommendations		
Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Review After Action Report with IPA and Chief of Police.	1.1 Schedule review date or agendize review on future CPOB agenda.	
2. Work with LMPD to implement Hillard Heintze After Action Report recommendations.	2.1 Form ad-hoc group or subcommittee. 2.2 Receive written information from LMPD on implemented recommendations. 2.3 Review implemented recommendations and work with LMPD to implement remaining After Action Report recommendations. 2.4 Ad-hoc group or subcommittee and LMPD to report periodically on progress to CPOB as necessary.	