



AGENDA

COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, November 3, 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 MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**
2. **LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES**
4. **2022 COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD WORKPLAN**

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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- (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.
 - (9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.
- (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 697, Sec. 3. (SB 1253) Effective January 1, 2015.)



**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**

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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.

2021 Community Police Oversight Board ("CPOB") Work Plan

Work Plan Item 1: Complete Administrative Setup of CPOB

Goal	Tracking Milestones	Status
1. Create establishing documents for the CPOB including bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual.	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. 1.5 Update General Counsel retainer to include clarifying language regarding legal advisory role to the CPOB.	Bylaws adopted by City Council. Terms of Office determined on April 21, 2021. CPOB to review Policies and Procedures Manual with Independent Police Auditor. Staff worked with General Counsel to update legal retainer.

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 sensing, 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).	Jul-21

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

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.	Subcommittee created, creation of draft program in process.
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 training, 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.	To be shared with IPA and Chief of Police for additional action.
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.	To be shared with IPA and Chief of Police for additional action.