



**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City of La Mesa  
Community Police Oversight Board  
February 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California**

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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**

City Clerk Wiegelman called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** (X indicates present)

Board Member Castanos	X
Board Member Dillard	X
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Munoz	X (arrived at 4:28 p.m.)
Board Member Smith	X
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Clerk Wiegelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**1. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board Members and City staff introduced themselves.

No action was taken.

## **2. REVIEW OF THE BROWN ACT AND ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER**

City Clerk Wiegelman provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order, highlighting the essentials for open and public meetings, types of meetings, noticing requirements, rights of the public, the role of the chair, agenda item discussions, and motions and votes on agenda items.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

## **3. SELECTION OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

Assistant City Manager Tomaino explained the Community Police Oversight Board (“CPOB”) would meet twice a month for the first year and would meet once a month after the first year. Assistant City Manager Tomaino requested the CPOB select a regular meeting schedule for the first year.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Duff and seconded by Board Member McWilliams to schedule the Regular meetings of the CPOB for the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. for the first year.

Vote: 11-0

Yes: Board Members Castanos, Dillard, Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Munoz, Smith, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

## **4. REVIEW OF THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND BYLAWS OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD**

General Counsel Larson and General Counsel Chiappetti reviewed the proposed policies, procedures, and bylaws of the Community Police Oversight Board.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

## **5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided an overview of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Independent Auditor and explained the RFP process.

Board questions and comments ensued.

It was the consensus of the CPOB Board Members to postpone the approval of the CPOB policies and procedures until the Independent Police Auditor was hired and had an opportunity to review and provide input on the policies and procedures.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

**6. NOMINATION OF A BOARD MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE ON THE INTERVIEW PANEL FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

Assistant City Manager Tomaino requested the CPOB nominate a Board Member to participate on the interview panel for the Chief of Police.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Dillard and seconded by Board Member Tiffany to appoint Board Member Castanos as the CPOB participant on the interview panel for the Chief of Police.

Vote: 11-0

Yes: Board Members Castanos, Dillard, Duff, Fuentes, Johnson, Kertson, McWilliams, Munoz, Smith, Sylvester, and Tiffany

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A discussion ensued between Board Members and staff regarding potential agenda items for upcoming CPOB meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

City Clerk Wiegelman adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.