



**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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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 4:01 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Term End Date</b>
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, substance abuse, mental health or other social issues	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.