



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
June 2, 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Chair Castaños	X
Vice Chair Dillard	X (arrived at 4:02 p.m.)
Board Member Darby	X
Board Member Davis	X
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X
Board Member Sylvester	X (arrived at 4:16 p.m.)
Board Member Tiffany	X

Others present: Assistant City Manager Tomaino; City Clerk Wiegelman; General Counsel Larson; General Counsel Chiappetti.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Johnson 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 MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 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, May 19, 2021.

Vote: 10-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Board Member Sylvester

Motion passed.

2. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Bell provided an update on the efforts, trainings, events and activities of the La Mesa Police Department (“LMPD”).

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. PRESENTATION FROM DR. TIM MCLARNEY REGARDING THE 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY

Dr. Timothy McLarney, President of True North Research, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the purpose, methodology and results of the La Mesa Community Survey study. Dr. Timothy McLarney, President of True North Research, highlighted the survey demographics and findings related to the LMPD, safety, satisfaction with City services and changes to improve the City.

Board questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Darby and seconded by Board Member Fuentes to request the City Council promptly conduct another survey to include demographic questions and to involve the CPOB throughout the process.

Vote: 10-0-1

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

No: None

Abstained: Board Member McWilliams

Absent: None

Motion passed.

4. PRESENTATION FROM GENERAL COUNSEL REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY

General Counsel Larson provided a PowerPoint presentation on handling confidential information, highlighting potential types of confidential materials related to police oversight, legal constraints on handling confidential information, the California Public Safety of Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act, Penal Code Section 832.7, the California Public Records Act,

LMPD policies, the Brown Act, process considerations, the role of the Independent Police Auditor, and resources available to the CPOB.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Board Member Kertson left the meeting.

5. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT COMPLAINT PROCESS HANDBOOK

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted the day of the CPOB meeting.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment providing recommendations for the Complaint Process Handbook and Form.

Board Member McWilliams provided an overview of the changes made to the draft Complaint Process Handbook and Form since it was last brought before the CPOB.

Board questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Board Member Darby and seconded by Board Member Duff to approve and make available to the public the Complaint Process Handbook, Flow Chart and Form, as amended, to (1) replace the acronyms “LMPD”, “CPOB”, and “IPA” with “Police Department”, “Oversight Board”, and “Auditor”; (2) clarify that complaints may be submitted to the CPOB, LMPD, or Independent Police Auditor; (3) add that the status of a complaint may be checked by contacting the CPOB; (4) add a statement to the effect of, “If you have any questions or concerns about the process – either before or after you submit a complaint – please do not hesitate to reach out to the Oversight Board”; and (5) make minor changes to grammar, formatting, and wording that do not change the intent or meaning of the Complaint Process Handbook, Flow Chart or Form.

Vote: 10-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Board Member Kertson

Motion passed.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided an update on the CPOB membership to the National Association for Civilian Citizens Oversight of Law Enforcement.

Vice Chair Dillard requested an item be added to an upcoming agenda regarding the potential of holding community listening sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.