



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
July 7, 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 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Chair Castaños	X
Vice Chair Dillard	X
Board Member Darby	X
Board Member Davis	X (arrived at 4:10 p.m.)
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	
Board Member McWilliams	X (arrived at 4:15 p.m.)
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Darby 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, JUNE 16, 2021**

This item was removed from the agenda.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Cheri Cooper Robertson submitted a comment congratulating Chief Sweeney on his appointment to Chief of Police and inquiring about his six point action plan.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment congratulating Chief Sweeney on his appointment to Chief of Police and encouraging change in the La Mesa Police Department's ("LMPD") approach to community safety.

Gene Carpenter submitted a comment congratulating Chief Sweeney on his appointment to Chief of Police and encouraging the hiring of a person of color and/or female for the next position of Captain or Lieutenant.

Theresa A. submitted a comment encouraging Chief Sweeney to create change within the LMPD and to strive for equity.

Demetrius Antuna submitted a comment congratulating Chief Sweeney on his appointment to Chief of Police and encouraging change in the LMPD's approach to policing.

Melissa Walter submitted a comment congratulating Chief Sweeney on his appointment to Chief of Police and inquiring about his six point action plan.

Chief Sweeney introduced himself, provided background on his professional experience, and reviewed his six point plan for the LMPD.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. PROPOSED COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THE SIX-STEP ACTION PLAN, PROPOSED SCHEDULE, AND DRAFT CPOB QUESTIONNAIRE

Assistant City Manager Tomaino and Chief Sweeney explained the purpose and intent of the community listening sessions and CPOB questionnaire.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

Vice Chair Dillard provided an update on the Request for Proposal process and selection of the Independent Police Auditor.

Following Board questions comments, no action was taken.

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 and other related organizations.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.