



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of La Mesa
Community Police Oversight Board
October 20, 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 Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

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	
Board Member Duff	X
Board Member Fuentes	X
Board Member Johnson	X
Board Member Kertson	X
Board Member McWilliams	X (arrived at 4:03 p.m.)
Board Member Sylvester	X
Board Member Tiffany	X (arrived at 4:02 p.m.)

Others present: Assistant City Manager Tomaino; City Clerk Wiegelman; General Counsel Larson; Independent Police Auditor (“IPA”) Montejano, Nunley and Rasmussen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Duff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Chief Sweeney provided an update on the La Mesa Police Department's ("LMPD") new hires, promotions, and incentive pay. He addressed Board Member Sylvester's inquiry on the process of her daughter's traffic stop case.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

2. 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.

3. PRESENTATION FROM THE INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR ON THE PEACE OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

IPA Montejano provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights, highlighting how it applies to the complaint process, internal investigations, and discipline of police officers. IPA Montejano explained the disciplinary process as it relates to the handling of alleged allegations and the actions taken upon an employee.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Andy Trimlett inquired on the number and types of LMPD complaints received that have led to investigations and the result of the findings.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

4. PRESENTATION FROM LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POLICE REFORM BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM

General Counsel Chiappetti provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Police Reform Bill highlighting legislative updates on access to confidential information.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Castaños made progress with San Diego State University students on the analysis of the Initial Perceptions of the Community Members pre-survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castaños adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.