



LA MESA COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Location: La Mesa Police Department Community Room, 8085 University Avenue
La Mesa, California

Board Members: Chair John Fonseca
Vice Chair Leroy Johnson
Board Member Brianna Coston
Board Member Christian DeMent
Board Member Clifton Ewbank
Board Member Dave Hardenburger
Board Member Aaron Landau
Board Member Todd McCully
Board Member Jeffrey Scott McIlwain
Board Member Susan Wayne
Board Member Sophia Wright

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 ROLL CALL

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the Community Police Oversight Board will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

4. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

**5.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE
OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2025**

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**5.2 INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER TODD McCULLY
(POLICE BEAT 4 REPRESENTATIVE)**

5.3 LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- STAFFING & RECRUITMENT
- UPCOMING EVENTS

5.4 INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR UPDATES

**5.5 DISCUSSION ITEM - COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD AD-
HOC SUBCOMMITTEES**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (3-MINUTE LIMIT)

7. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT



La Mesa Community Police Oversight Board

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: May 21, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Location: La Mesa Police Department Community Room, 8085 University Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair John Fonseca
Vice Chair Leroy Johnson
Board Member Brianna Coston
Board Member Christian DeMent
Board Member Clifton Ewbank
Board Member Dave Hardenburger
Board Member Aaron Landau
Board Member Susan Wayne
Board Member Sophia Wright

Absent: Board Member Jeffrey Scott McIlwain

Staff: Assistant City Manager Amanda Lee
Assistant to the City Manager Lyn Dedmon
Independent Police Auditor ("IPA") Rick Rasmussen
Deputy City Clerk Stacy Ready

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fonseca called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Fonseca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

There were no public comments.

4. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

**5.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE
OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 2025**

Moved by Board Member Wayne

Seconded by Board Member Hardenburger

Approve minutes.

Yes (9): Chair Fonseca, Vice Chair Johnson, Board Member Coston,
Board Member DeMent, Board Member Ewbank, Board Member
Hardenburger, Board Member Landau, Board Member Wayne, and Board
Member Wright

Absent (1): Board Member McIlwain

Motion Approved (9 to 0)

5.2 LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- **STAFFING & RECRUITMENT**
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Captain Runge provided an update on staffing, recruitments, and vacant positions within the La Mesa Police Department ("LMPD"). He also reported on community events and activities that took place in April and May.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

**5.3 PRESENTATION FROM THE LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON
BODY WORN CAMERA DEMONSTRATION**

Sergeant Paugh provided a demonstration and presented information on the use and functionality of body-worn cameras.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

**5.4 INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR UPDATES - 2025 FIRST QUARTER
INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR ("IPA") REPORT**

IPA Rasmussen provided an overview of the 2025 First Quarter Independent Police Auditor Report. Case Nos. 2024-05, 2024-06, 2024-07, 2025-01, and 2025-02 were reviewed and discussed.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5.5 MEDIATION POLICY UPDATE

Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon and Vice Chair Johnson provided an update on the Mediation Policy. Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon shared that, in accordance with the discussion at the April 16, 2025, CPOB meeting, changes had been made to the LMPD Policy Manual, which is available on the City's website.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (3-MINUTE LIMIT)

Vice Chair Johnson provided an update on the Mediation Policy Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. He shared that the subcommittee was seeking a law firm to provide legal counsel for the CPOB.

Board questions and comments ensued.

Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon stated that he would be sending emails to schedule meetings for the ad-hoc subcommittees.

7. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board Members and staff made announcements and reported on various events taking place in the City and San Diego region.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fonseca adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.