



La Mesa Community Police Oversight Board

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: March 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Location: La Mesa Police Department Community Room, 8085 University Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Leroy Johnson
Vice Chair Janet Castanos
Board Member Christian DeMent
Board Member Aaron Landau
Board Member Jeffrey Scott McIlwain
Board Member Caitlin Tiffany
Board Member Susan Wayne

Absent: Board Member Lauren Cazares
Board Member John Fonseca

Staff: Assistant City Manager Amanda Lee
Chief Ray Sweeney
Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon
General Counsel Caroline Chiappetti
Independent Police Auditor ("IPA") Rick Rasmussen
Deputy City Clerk Stacy Ready

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**

Chair Johnson 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 FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

Moved by Board Member Wayne
Seconded by Vice Chair Castanos

Approve minutes.

Yes (4): Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Castanos, Board Member Tiffany, and Board Member Wayne

Abstain (2): Board Member Landau, and Board Member McIlwain

Absent (3): Board Member Cazares, Board Member DeMent, and Board Member Fonseca

Motion Failed (4 to 0)

Moved by Board Member Wayne
Seconded by Board Member McIlwain

Re-vote to approve minutes.

Yes (7): Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Castanos, Board Member DeMent, Board Member Landau, Board Member McIlwain, Board Member Tiffany, and Board Member Wayne

Absent (2): Board Member Cazares, and Board Member Fonseca

Motion Approved (7 to 0)

**5.2 INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS AARON LANDAU AND
JEFFREY SCOTT MCILLWAIN**

Board Member McIlwain, Police Beat 1 Resident Representative, introduced himself and expressed his interest in serving on the Community Police Oversight Board.

Board Member Landau, Advocate for People Experiencing Homelessness, introduced himself and expressed his interest in serving on the Community Police Oversight Board.

5.3 LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- **STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT**
- **PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Board Member DeMent arrived to the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Chief Sweeney provided an update on the staffing, recruitments, and vacant positions in the La Mesa Police Department ("LMPD"). He commented on February and March community events and activities.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5.4 INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR UPDATES

IPA Rasmussen gave an update on the quarterly report and shared he submitted Case No. 23-09 for staff review. Case Nos. 23-14 and 23-15 had a pending status.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5.5 INTRODUCTION OF MR. JEFFREY B. LOVE, ESQ. OF JL GROUP, LLC - MEDIATION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE CPOB

Mr. Jeffrey B. Love, Esq. introduced himself and presented information on his firm, the JL Group, LLC. He stated his firm provides investigative and administrative support in the areas of workplace investigations, organizational studies, police practicing auditing, and mediation/dispute resolution along with other vital services.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

5.6 PRESENTATION FROM THE LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING 2023 AB 481 - MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE ANNUAL REPORT (PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7072(B))

Lieutenant Lynch provided a PowerPoint presentation on the LMPD 2023 AB 481- Military Equipment Use Annual Report, highlighting the policy and requirements for annual approval by City Council.

Following Board questions and comments, no action was taken.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (3-MINUTE LIMIT)

Chair Johnson gave a progress report on the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Data Review Subcommittee. Vice Chair Castaños noted the RIPA Subcommittee consists of three members and a fourth member is needed. Board Member McIlwain was nominated to the RIPA Subcommittee.

Moved by Board Member Landau

Seconded by Board Member DeMent

Appoint Board Member McIlwain to the RIPA Subcommittee.

Yes (7): Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Castanos, Board Member DeMent, Board Member Landau, Board Member McIlwain, Board Member Tiffany, and Board Member Wayne

Absent (2): Board Member Cazares, and Board Member Fonseca

Motion Approved (7 to 0)

7. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Board Members made announcements and reported on various public safety related events.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.