



## La Mesa Community Police Oversight Board

### Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: March 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m.  
Location: La Mesa Police Department Community Room, 8085 University Avenue  
La Mesa, California

Present: Vice Chair Brianna Coston  
Board Member Clifton Ewbank  
Chair Dave Hardenburger  
Board Member Aaron Landau  
Board Member Todd McCully  
Board Member Elizabeth Morgante  
Board Member Susan Wayne  
Board Member Sophia Wright

Absent: Board Member John Fonseca  
Board Member Christian DeMent  
Board Member Jeffrey Scott McIlwain

Staff: Chief Ray Sweeney  
Assistant to the City Manager Lyn Dedmon  
Independent Police Auditor ("IPA") Rick Rasmussen  
City Clerk Megan Wiegelman  
Deputy City Clerk Britney Hazzard

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hardenburger called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

##### 1.1 **ROLL CALL**

##### 1.2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Hardenburger 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 conflicts of interest disclosed.

**5. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**5.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICE  
OVERSIGHT BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**Moved by** Board Member Wayne

**Seconded by** Vice Chair Coston

Approve.

Yes (7): Vice Chair Coston, Board Member Ewbank, Chair Hardenburger,  
Board Member Landau, Board Member Morgante, Board Member Wayne,  
and Board Member Wright

Absent (4): Board Member Fonseca, Board Member DeMent, Board  
Member McCully, and Board Member McIlwain

**Motion Approved (7 to 0)**

**5.2 WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER BETH MORGANTE**

Board Member Morgante, Police Beat 2 representative, introduced herself  
and expressed her interest in serving on the Community Police Oversight  
Board.

**5.3 LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- Staffing & recruitment
- Upcoming events

Chief Sweeney provided an update on staffing and recruitments within the  
La Mesa Police Department. He also commented on community events  
and activities that took place in February and March.

No action was taken following board questions and comments.

Board Member McCully arrived to the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

#### **5.4 INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR UPDATES**

IPA Rasmussen reported that case no. 25-07 was in progress and that all other cases had been completed.

No action was taken following Board questions and comments.

#### **5.5 2026 SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & UPCOMING TRAININGS & PRESENTATIONS DISCUSSION**

Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon reported on the status of the subcommittees and reviewed upcoming trainings and presentations.

Board Member Coston was nominated to the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Board Member McCulley was nominated to the Police, Operations, and Trainings Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Consider New Legal Counsel.

Board Member Landau was nominated to the Community Policing, Outreach and Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Board Member Morgante was nominated to the Hiring Practices, Promotions, Employee Wellness Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Mediation Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

**Moved by** Vice Chair Coston

**Seconded by** Board Member Wright

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Yes (8): Vice Chair Coston, Board Member Ewbank, Chair Hardenburger, Board Member Landau, Board Member McCully, Board Member Morgante, Board Member Wayne, and Board Member Wright

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

**Motion Approved (8 to 0)**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports.

**7. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff and Board Members provided announcements and shared updates on recent and upcoming events, trainings, and activities.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hardenburger adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.