



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2024

11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joel Peterson, John Parker, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, Jessica Varnado-Swall, Stacy Surwilo, Kimberly Palek, Neill Kovrig, Adriana Dos Santos, Saigel Ghotra, Joseph Ramos, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez, Aimee Gallagher

Committee Members Absent: Kimberly Tapia, Jack Beresford, Caitlin Tiffany, Anna Liza Manzo, Miski Abdi, Ixchel Diaz, Aaron Burgess

Meeting commenced 11:03 am

VPAS Parker asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented, approved with unanimous consent.

VPAS Parker asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 7, 2023, approved with unanimous consent as distributed.

On behalf of Chancellor Smith, VC Peterson relayed his gratitude to the committee members for ongoing dedication and service as how we can best support our police department and police department staff, and how the police department can best support the district and our mission to ensure that its services are accountable to the highest of professional standards.

Chief Ramos shared updates on notable police investigations, incident calls and trainings. During the month of December, the police department received 451 calls for service to the communication center. Officers initiated 1,952 services, 1,652 security checks (155 intrusion alarms). They assisted with 49 staff and student assists including escorts, doors, vehicle assistance, and 4 classroom call box responses. They conducted 31 crime and or arrest reports including 2 misdemeanors, 3 felonies, 9 citations, and facilitated 2 protective custody for mental health evaluations. On December 4, Mesa College asked College Police to be available if needed during a meeting out of preliminary concern for potential protests; the meeting was orderly and there were no issues. The police department volunteered personal time and generously donated gifts for the annual Shop With A Cop event, and delivered gifts to 119 students and 63 staff members of the Child Development Centers at City College, Mesa College and Miramar College. There were no significant crimes to report during the month of December.

The Subcommittee for Research of Taser Use members in attendance did not have the summarized presentation available for review and discussion during the meeting. A 33-page literature review packet that was previously circulated to the committee was referenced but too lengthy to discuss during the meeting. The committee agreed to table the subcommittee updates to the next meeting when the summary presentation is available.

The committee discussed existing SDCCD investigation processes and Acting Vice Chancellor Gallagher confirmed that there are a myriad of legal rights involved with internal affairs matters. The committee asked if the Chancellor Smith could be invited to attend an upcoming meeting to address and clarify the complaint process against SDCCD Police. VPAS Parker asked for a motion to invite Chancellor Smith into the discussion, Darius moved to motion and Nancy seconded; there was no opposition.

The recommendation regarding the Resolution Calling for an Independent Process for Student Complaints Against SDCCD Police Harassment, Abuse or Misconduct will be tabled to a future meeting following discussion with Chancellor Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm