



San Diego Community College District

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College Police Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2025

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: Jack Beresford, Joel Peterson, Jacqueline Hester, Darius Spearman, Valerie Pallares, Steve Major, Anna Liza Manzo, Kimberly Palek, Majeda Nasrawi, Trenton Romero, Angel Wilson, Xtopher Ruiz, Joseph Ramos, Nancy Schumaker

Committee Members Absent: John Parker, Nadia Sayeh, Jazz Koehler, Alex Acevedo, Zora Williams, Haydee Zuniga

Guest: Alison Mona

Meeting commenced at 2:01 pm by Jack Beresford

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

Jack asked for a motion to approve the revised minutes from December 5, 2024 and minutes from February 6, 2025. Majeda requested a revision to the February minutes and then motioned to approve all meeting minutes, Darius seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

Jack introduced the newest member of the committee, Dr. Jacqueline Hester, as the Dean of Public Safety. Darius inquired about the process to apply for or recommend a member of the community to this committee; there are currently two citizen-at-large vacancies. VC Peterson conveyed that the Chancellor recommended developing an application form for the community to ensure they reside in this district and attest that either they are a member of a specific affinity group or they are an at-large member. VC Peterson offered to provide a similar application document used for the SDCCD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee for review of this committee as a template; Jack suggested the committee review and discuss during the next meeting.

Chief Ramos shared updates on notable police investigations, incident calls and trainings. During the month of February, the police department received 683 calls for service to the Dispatch Center. Officers conducted 1,157 security checks (168 intrusion alarms). They assisted with 69 staff and student assists including escorts, doors, vehicle assistance, and 12 classroom call box responses. They conducted 75 crime and or arrest reports including 12 adult misdemeanors, 7 adult felonies, 35 citations, and facilitated 3 protective custody for mental health evaluations. Noteworthy incidents for February included an unconscious subject near City College revived by officers after administering Narcan and chest compressions; a robbery and stabbing at City College resulting in an arrest and the subject booked on multiple charges; and, response to a City College fire alarm where officers quickly extinguished flames suspected to be caused by arson. Two separate protests occurred at Mesa College and City College without any incidents. Campus and community involvement included a joint services discussion held with Mesa College Student Services with positive feedback; a positive meeting with a police department representative invited to meet with Mesa College Dreamers to discuss the recent federal immigration enforcement; and officers invited to a Mesa College Pride Office meet and eat to build relationships and foster community engagement. Chief Ramos and the area lieutenants have been invited and will attend upcoming meetings at Miramar College and City College in April.

Chief Ramos provided an update on the proposed cadet pilot program. They are still identifying the administrative portion of the pilot program. The training and uniforms are confirmed following discussions with other cadet programs in the state. The department had previously planned to introduce the new positions during a job fair at Miramar this month; however, many of the Federal agencies participating backed out due to hiring uncertainties at this time so the department is considering other ways to market these new positions.

Chief Ramos read the following bulletin recently posted to various SDCCD Police Department social media accounts regarding California Senate Bill 54:

Dear Students and Faculty,

Your safety and well-being are our highest priorities. The San Diego Community College District Police Department is dedicated to maintaining a secure and welcoming environment where everyone can work and learn without fear. We are committed to serving our campus community with professionalism, compassion, and respect.

Please know that our officers are here to help and will never ask about your immigration status. We do not enforce immigration laws or participate in matters that do not directly affect public safety. Senate Bill 54 ensures that local and state law enforcement agencies are not responsible for enforcing federal immigration laws—that remains the role of federal agencies.

Our mission is to create a safe and secure environment where everyone can teach, learn, and work with peace of mind, knowing they can always reach out for assistance. If you ever need help, please don't hesitate to call—we are here for you.

Thank you for being an essential part of our campus community.
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Chief Ramos additionally reminded everyone that all municipal police departments in San Diego County have the same or a similar policy regarding immigration. Although Federal laws may change, it does not significantly affect most municipal agencies. SDCCD police do not get involved in immigration holds. The holding facilities do this work during intake if a subject commits a felony, is in custody and has a hold placed for immigration. Jack referenced an upcoming AP 3415 training and inquired how the police department provides this and other training communication through the ranks with police officers. Chief Ramos shared that the department has daily briefings; information and updates on policies and procedures related to legislation from Lexipol are shared immediately with officers; and officers are responsible for reading and signing an acknowledgement that they have read the daily bulletins put out by the department. Nancy inquired about protocols for SDCCD police officers if they become aware of Federal agents present on or near a college campus during an incident. Chief Ramos explained the mutual aid protocols among all county agencies; and an existing understanding with Federal agents agreeing to make contact with the local agency prior to arriving at a college campus or other educational institution for immigration reasons. A student asked Chief Ramos if there will be any additional protocols, or hiring of additional police officers to patrol on campus and provide student escorts. Chief Ramos conveyed that the police department already has existing policies and successful protocols in place specifically regarding escorting employees and students. He confirmed that the district's police department will not be increasing staff due to anything related to immigration, and the department will continue striving

to reduce angst to students and employees if anything happens on a campus related to immigration by encouraging federal agencies to address immigration issues off campus.

VC Peterson shared the background information and status update of the Mental Health Professional draft job description. The original recommendation was to add the to-be-created mental health support professional positions to the police department as part of a psychological emergency response team. The district had a broad discussion when identifying the service level and processes needed to support patrol officers and created a subcommittee. The subcommittee did not feel the new positions should be part of the police department, but rather be part of the district mental health professional's organization and a dedicated resource to our police department. The district's police department currently has access to psychological emergency response teams provided by San Diego County; if the mental health support professionals are part of our police department, they would be obligated to respond to other agencies through the mutual aid agreement and not always available to respond to our campuses. The total number of new positions has been debated in correlation with the officer shifts and consideration of sick or vacation time off in order to provide ongoing support. The subcommittee has drafted the job descriptions and explored implementation. VC Peterson did not have an update on the pending funding source or HR status to date. Nancy inquired about lobbyists to get funding for the community college systems. VC Peterson confirmed that the district has lobbyists and advocates in addition to our VC of Development and Entrepreneurship who is in contact with State officials. There was brief discussion about exploring a grant application with guidance by this committee if the district is interested in a pilot program utilizing grant funds. The committee addressed concerns about immediate onsite response and follow up services including long-term care; Chief Ramos shared that the countywide PERT system has resources available and would like to recommend a collaboration between the PERT counselors and SDCCD counselors for follow up aftercare on shared cases. Chief Ramos stated that SDCCD police officers go through a PERT training.

Jack apprised the committee of the item tabled for an upcoming meeting, a review of recent policing policies, practices, and effective shared governance in the district.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.