



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2022 8:30am – 9:30am, Zoom

Committee Members Present: John Parker, Nadia Sayeh, Daniel Brislin, Kimberly Tapia, Darius Spearman, David Mehlhoff, John Bromma, Kimberly Palek, Kevin Branson, Anna Liza Manzo, Neill Kovrig, Cat Le, Joseph Ramos, Gerald Brown, Aaron Burgess, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez

Committee Members Absent: Marie Migambi, Emily Smith, Xi Chen

Guests: Chancellor Carlos Cortez

Meeting commenced 8:34 am

John Parker, Co-Chair and VP of Administrative Services, City College, welcomed everyone and introduced Chancellor Cortez.

Chancellor Cortez attended the first meeting on 3/24/22 to welcome the committee. He is looking forward to the recommendations from this group. He will leave it to this group to determine how to continue to meet and improve the safety of the district. He recognized and thanked the community members and college members with the committee. He will return to attend the last meeting at end of semester. Chancellor Cortez exited the meeting.

John Parker introduced himself to the committee, he has been at City College for 19 months. Each of the committee members in attendance introduced themselves and provided a brief background.

John Parker stated that the scope of this committee will be to develop a comprehensive strategic plan this spring, even if we go beyond spring if we need to continue. After spring and the recommendations are provided to the Chancellor's office, the committee will determine how often to continue meeting.

Gerald Brown addressed the meeting being recording and wondered if it will be available for everyone to view. John stated that the recording is for the purpose of doing the meeting minutes but recommended that the recording could be made available only upon request. Committee discussed making the recording available to the public or only providing a transcript if requested. John said this will be an action item for vote at the next meeting.

Neill Kovrig asked to clarify that after recommendations are provided by the committee that this will continue to be a more permanent structure within the district governance? John said it this was the recommendation of the previous taskforce but the Chancellor is leaving that up to this committee to decide if it shall continue.

The committee reviewed the charge and composition of the membership. The charge states "to help review and improve the District's health and safety efforts." John Parker wants to ensure transparency. The committee discussed the recommendation process and what happens after the recommendations are presented to the Chancellor. John Parker confirmed that the Chancellor and College Police Chief will determine the recommendations but this committee will have complete oversight.

The committee further discussed the differences between an Oversight Committee versus Advisory Committee. John Bromma shared that this was a major topic during the original taskforce meetings. The prior

Chancellor, Chancellor Carroll, was not comfortable with the traditional oversight function because of legal and personnel ramifications; she said it could be advisory but not oversight. His understanding is that Chancellor Cortez would continue in that way. John Parker stated that we would continue to use the word advisory. Gerald Brown shared the process his board uses to make recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and Police Chief. Suggested that the job of this advisory board is to look at every aspect of the college's law enforcement and make recommendations. Darius Spearman asked for additional clarity how the recommendations will be disseminated; will it be at a board meeting or public forum and how will it be communicated? John Parker cannot answer but will inquire with the Chancellor for clarity. Nancy Schumaker shared that the College Police Policy and Procedure Manual was approved by Board of Trustees and any changes would need to go through the Board. The policies and procedures are available on the website and suggested everyone review [<https://www.sdccd.edu/about/departments-and-offices/police-department/about/college-police-policies-procedures.aspx>]

John Parker read the recommendations provided by the Review of District Governance Council College Police Review Task Force as approved by the taskforce dated 12/17/20. Chief Ramos confirmed that item #3 has not been implemented because there are different ways to get to that point, adding that most of the district's officers are PERT trained. However, our officers do not ride with clinicians because the MOU requires the officer with a clinician to arrive anywhere requested within the county. We access officers with clinicians whenever we receive that call. District is exploring hiring a clinician that can ride with our officers either full time or part time. Patrick Velasquez asked for clarification on the recommendations regarding implementations following the survey and asked if we can obtain survey data? John Bromma shared that the Taskforce helped to form the survey and they were looking at preliminary analysis results, adding that items #3 and #5 were tied closely together. The overall goal of the Taskforce was to reduce the need to call police for campus situations regularly for every infraction but rather have a response team and processes to address situations at the lowest level. Nancy Schumaker asked that we look at how the district is currently incorporating training for faculty when they need to respond to issues arising in the classroom. Kevin Branson asked that the committee have access to the district wide climate survey data including the questions and results. David Melhoff shared that there is a need to learn classroom management as faculty are being on-boarded and suggested training across the district. John Bromma shared first that the survey was conducted by the district research office and they could be contacted to request the data information; and secondly, that the approach to classroom management is not optimal in any way. The Taskforce recognized as a high priority that we need to do a better job of training everybody in the district on how to handle situations so that the lowest level of invention is the first response. Neill Kovrig shared that goes beyond classrooms, that classified staff and student services have no recourse but to call college police. John Parker confirmed that he hears the recurring need to provide training for classroom management and classified professionals. Kimberly Tapia shared that she manages the College Dispatch Center. They answer calls 24 hours and triage all calls, maybe we could review how dispatch can assist with the line of questioning before faculty demand an officer to respond.

Anna Liza Manzo provided a link in the chat to view the survey documents. These will be provided to the committee.

Next meeting dates will be forthcoming, a Doodle Poll for April, May and June dates will be sent by email.

9:34 am meeting adjourned.