



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2022

3:00pm – 4:00pm, Zoom

**Committee Members Present:** Roll call not taken

**Guests:** Vice Chancellor Smith

Meeting commenced 3:03pm

John Parker, opened the meeting by requesting any discussion or additions to the current agenda. Without roll call vote motion to approve with unanimous consent agenda is presented. Review and confirmed minutes from the meeting on March 24, 2022. Edit was requested and made to paragraph seven (7) of minutes from meeting held March 24, 2022. Motion approved to approve minutes with the change as noted.

John Parker introduced new member & employee, member of the Advisory Committee Vice Chancellor of Facilities, Joel Peterson. Joel Peterson noted that he did not attend the previous meeting and would need to abstain from the vote of the minutes since he was not in attendance. Caitlin Tiffany noted she was also not in attendance at the last meeting and would be abstaining from the minutes vote.

Vice Chancellor Smith stated that at the Board of Trustees meeting last week they presented an item that would give Vice Chancellor Bonnie Dowd approval to enter into contract with Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District to provide police services. As overview, each community college is required to provide safety and security function there generally two models. One is a campus safety model, and then a contract with a post certified law enforcement agency to provide those services; the other model is to have a fully post-certified law enforcement services that is what our district has.

Grossmont has been contracting with the San Diego Sheriff to provide law enforcement supportive their campus safety operation. And they have found that it's not responsive to their community and their student's needs. They approached SDCCD because their Chancellor is a former long-term employee of SDCCD and she has familiarity with the operations and felt that it would be more appropriate for the educational community and the response they have. Grossmont is asking for law enforcement coverage Monday through Friday 6:30am to 10:30pm at both Grossmont and Cuyamaca. This would be two officers for each campus, one for the morning shift and one for the evening shift. The contract would reflect that Grossmont would be responsible for fully reimbursing SDCCD for all of the cost associated to include: employment cost of the officers, equipment costs for vehicles, communication devices and a 30% administrative fee that would cover some of the difficult items to itemize. Any additional services outside of the standard items will be billed directly to Grossmont accordingly. This was discussed in the chancellor's cabinet; the sentiment was that this would be an opportunity for SDCCD to partner with other community colleges in the area.

Vice Chancellor, Joel Peterson echoed what Chancellor Cortez had stated at the District Governance Committee and the Board of Trustees meeting, the agreement is set up to cover the cost, it is not set up as profit center. In addition, that if SDCCD makes further reforms or changes to our practices, Grossmont District would adopt those changes. It would be a package deal.

Darius Spearman requested details on how this partnership has to do with SDCCD's mission or how it improves the student experience within the district. Vice Chancellor Smith responded, finding ways to help

colleague institutions helps to further all of our mission's core area of education, as well as our community services.

Patrick Velasquez questions the effect it will have on the supervisory structure and secondly, legal liability? Vice Chancellor Smith mentioned we (SDCCD) can always be sued as a public entity and, the risk management assessment that was done internally concluded that there was not a material increase for our district in this contract. Again, there is a set of models and policies and procedures standard operating procedures that have been developed for public safety services at Grossmont College District, and we would be adopting many of those and adapt them to our standards and our processes and procedures; beyond that Chief Ramos said the supervisor would not be physically stationed there, they would go out on an as-need basis, and there are supervisors that were both North and South. To clarify, north of the 8 and south of the 8 is how it is divided up. The supervision on a management level there is a lieutenant North and lieutenant South. SDCCD has several sergeants that are assigned there but they can roll back and forth, and they will incorporate Grossmont as well.

Nancy Schumaker, raised concerns with having a solo officer at the Grossmont campus should something suddenly come up that has to be handled that requires more than one officer. Joe Ramos, stated the contract with the sheriff's was exactly the same as the services stated in the contract.

Nancy Schumaker asked how the education code that allows Community college districts to establish a police department and employ officers and also the penal code section that gives the College police their legal authority how. Joel Peterson stated, SDCCD is not contracting out the employees. They are legal employees of SDCCD. This would be in some ways no different from when there are off campus events in which officers may be providing their services.

John Parker requests to clarify this has no impact on SDCCD officers, if is on a volunteer basis. Chief Ramos confirms this will require SDCCD to hire six (6) full time officers. On paper they will be SDCCD employees.

Nancy Schumaker would like to know if there is enough time to vet and hirer six (6) officers in time for the contract to go into effect. There are quite a few applications in. The sheriff's department has agreed to stay in place until SDCCD is ready to take over.

Patrick Velasquez asks when the current contract with law enforcement and the district expires. Greg Smith confirms the collective bargaining agreement with the police officers association expires on June 2023.

John Parker discussed resolution will be sent in to Chancellor Cortez.

Darius Spearman states the fundamental objection that the Executive Board expressed, SDCCD is an educational institute and they do not see how this benefits the students.

Kimberly Tapia reviewed the mission statement and noticed that the District's mission is to meet the educational needs of San Diego Community.

Caitlin Tiffany requested to postpone deciding the resolution to have additional time to review the comments and public comments. Vice Chancellor Peterson, advised that this committee does not have to make a resolution.

John Parker questioned if the vote on this can be deferred.

John Bromma confirmed that vote may be postponed until the May meeting.

Dr. Gerald Brown asked what the cost would be to delay the vote until May or June.

Chief Ramos confirms that candidates are ready to go and if offers are not hired soon, there is a risk of losing

those officers to other agencies. Vice Chancellor Peterson confirms there is no cost that SDCCD would be responsible, if any increases in costs they would be charged directly to Grossmont District.

John Parker opens the floor for a motion to postpone to table the resolution. Vice Chancellor Peterson, Dr. Brown & Chief Ramos will abstain. Majority votes to table/postpone the resolution. Remaining items will also be tabled until the next meeting.

Caitlin Tiffany has a few requests on possible presentations on these items in the future:

- SDCCD progress is on RIPA 8953
- Timeline for the presentation to the board for AB8481, would like information on this in the future
- Presentation or tallies on complaints are received
- How their internal affairs investigation are processed

John Parker clarified that Caitlin's request is for future meetings, not related to this agreement.

Patrick Velasquez asked for a presentation on the district's budget for law enforcement.

John Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:18pm