



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2022 *Revised* 9:00 am – 10:00 am, Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joel Peterson, John Parker, Daniel Brislin, Kimberly Tapia, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, Caitlin Tiffany, John Bromma, Anna Liza Manzo, Neill Kovrig, Joseph Ramos, Aaron Burgess, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez

Committee Members Absent: David Mehlhoff, Kimberly Palek, Kevin Branson, Marie Migambi, Cat Le, Emily Smith, Xi Chen, Gerald Brown

Meeting commenced 9:03 am

John Parker asked for a motion to approve the agenda. After a brief discussion about items 5 and 6, the agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from July 21, 2022 and August 25, 2022 were approved with unanimous consent.

Darius, Caitlin and Neill volunteered to work on the subcommittee to define the PAC bylaws and quorum. They have been working on the language and hope to have a reading prepared for the full committee to read. There is concern regarding student presence at the meetings and if they cannot attend, it should not affect quorum. If students are able to attend a meeting then their voice will count. An additional question was asked inquiring if the bylaws would address who creates the agendas. Darius said they would have something to circulate to the committee next week.

John Parker asked if this committee wanted to discuss an election to vote for a Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Nobody motioned to have discussion and there were no nominations or volunteers. John Parker stated that this committee would proceed with himself and Nadia Sayeh as Committee Co-Chairs.

Chief Ramos introduced Daniel Brislin. Daniel provided some background information on tasers including voltage versus current delivered, and that they were designed with probes to incapacitate when deployed. He emphasized that tasers should not be referred to as “non-lethal” but as a “less lethal” device. Darius shared a Cambridge study done with a control group that seemed to indicate tasers were not super effective and noted a higher level of hostility when tasers were present on the campus. Nancy volunteered to research additional studies on colleges. Chief Ramos mentioned there is data available showing people that are alive today because they had been tased rather than approached with lethal force. A high profile case was brought up where the wrong weapon was used and the results were lethal. Both Daniel and Chief Ramos emphasized that there is extensive training designed to eliminate confusion and confirmed that the tasers purchased are yellow so it is clear to the people holding the weapon and the subject person. Chief Ramos stated that the tasers are carried on opposite sides of the belt and officers are trained to yell “taser, taser, taser” three times before deploying the taser. The cost of the tasers was questioned and Chief Ramos shared that the tasers are approximately \$1,600-\$1,700 each and the trainings cost approximately \$78,000. It was agreed by several committee members that this conversation should continue and that additional studies done by control groups showing supporting evidence should be reviewed. Additional information will be collected and shared for review.

The ongoing discussion regarding on-campus officer attire was not discussed today due to timing and will carry over to the next meeting agenda.

VC Peterson shared that a draft job description for the Mental Health Professional would be shared with this

committee and placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

A future meeting will include: [I.] Review of Recent Policing Policies, Practices, and Effective Shared Governance in the SDCCD; and, [II.] Resolution on Inquiry into Report of Alleged Sexual Harassment, Abuse, Retaliation, and Alleged Cover-up. The committee agreed to have two meetings before the end of the fall semester with a 90-minute meeting in November and a 60-minute meeting in December. The meeting dates will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am