



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for November 30, 2022

11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Zoom

**Committee Members Present:** Joel Peterson, John Parker, Daniel Brislin, Kimberly Tapia, Darius Spearman, Kimberly Palek, Anna Liza Manzo, Neill Kovrig, Joseph Ramos, Gerald Brown, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez

**Committee Members Absent:** Nadia Sayeh, Caitlin Tiffany, David Mehlhoff, John Bromma, Kevin Branson, Marie Migambi, Cat Le, Emily Smith, Xi Chen, Aaron Burgess

Meeting commenced 11:34 am

John Parker asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Item 7.II *Resolution on Inquiry into Report of Alleged Sexual Harassment, Abuse, Retaliation, and Alleged Cover-up* was moved up as item 4 to be discussed during this meeting. With the revision, the agenda was approved with unanimous consent.

The minutes from October 28, 2022 did not include some studies Darius referenced, indicating that tasers were not super effective and can lead to more aggressive policing. He shared the studies in the chat. Nancy also confirmed that she would find some studies on colleges. VC Peterson reiterated that he would like to review additional studies. John confirmed these points would be reflected in October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. There were no other revisions or additions.

Darius and Neill provided updates from the subcommittee working on the PAC bylaws and defining quorum, they are still working on the draft and shared some highlights. They noted that meeting minutes would be available to the public on the SDCCD website. They presented the draft and the committee discussed membership and appointments. VC Peterson confirmed that the Chancellor said this committee would not have any SDCCD Board members. VC Peterson and Chief Ramos will continue attending the meetings but will not be voting members of this committee. The review of confidential information was discussed; VC Peterson is working with VC Smith to clarify what level of confidential information may be presented to this committee. The committee discussed holding closed session meetings versus providing limited information on an agenda with an indication that the committee would discuss the specific item with a high level of confidentiality. Meeting agendas should include input from PAC members. Quorum language was not revised; it is defined as a simple majority of the members and actions will be approved by a simple majority of the members present. The bylaws are still in draft format, and this was considered the first reading by the committee. Otter voice notes were noticed recording dictation during this meeting and were asked to be stopped and removed from the meeting.

VC Peterson addressed agenda item 4, *Resolution on Inquiry into Report of Alleged Sexual Harassment, Abuse, Retaliation, and Alleged Cover-up*. He cannot share any detailed components but wants to help everyone better understand some of the facts. The district received an advance notice from a court where an attorney representing a district employee had filed an *intent to file a lawsuit*; the intent to file a civil suit is between one employee and another, potentially naming the district as a co-defendant in a case that has not yet been filed. To date, there has not been any legal complaint filed that the district can take action on. In support and caution, the district has placed the accused employee on leave while the facts are being obtained and clarified. At this time, there is legally nothing that the district can do. VC Peterson confirmed that the district looked into any past filings they could refer to and could not locate anything that had been reported, either written or oral, that could be confirmed. They considered best steps to protect the victim and have offered resources to both parties. The accused employee has been placed on administrative leave Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, and is prohibited from any district property during the leave time. He suggested that if there

were any updates to this situation that could be shared, he would alert the co-chairs so that it could be put on a PAC agenda. He concluded with thanking the committee for their participation and considering these matters very seriously. VC Peterson addressed neither confirming nor denying any information presented by free press as they can publish anything they choose to. John clarified that this discussion is not an action item, it is an information update only to the previous resolution of the academic senate.

Chief Ramos asked Nancy to share the information she researched. She contacted eight schools, including San Diego Unified School District and six local colleges. Only five of them have responded to her inquiry to date. None of the incidents shared involving tasers resulted in serious injuries or death. Many of the departments don't have the digital devices that record data that can be downloaded to a server so some of them just include the use of tasers as the use-of-force in the reports. There was a variety of detail in the information she was provided. Nancy contacted the Police Departments directly for each of the school districts referenced.

- SDUSD police have had tasers going back to mid 2000's
- SDUSD incident in 2021: male climbing a fence that was combative and taken into custody
- SDUSD incident in 2021: male with an ax near a SDUSD campus was tased and taken into custody
- SDUSD incident in 2017: subject on the roof was combative, police tased subject to get him down safely and without anyone else injured.
- UCSD has had tasers since before 2017
- UCSD incident in 2022: taser was deployed but it was ineffective, no reason was provided
- Riverside Community College has had different tasers since 2015
- Riverside CC: tasers deployed 5 times since 2015, no injuries or death, all non-district subjects
- MiraCosta Community College has had tasers since early 2000's
- MiraCosta CC: incident in early 2000 involving a taser but no details were provided
- MiraCosta CC: undated incident where taser was drawn but not deployed on a student experiencing a mental health breakdown; student was non-compliant until taser was drawn and he was aware enough to acknowledge that he did not want to be tased
- CSU San Marcos has had tasers since approximately 2007 (CSUSM also has canines)
- CSU San Marcos: have had 4 incidents involving non-students since 2010
- CSU San Marcos: undated incident involving a student having a mental health breakdown that was non-compliant, CSUSM did not disclose if the taser was deployed or not

Chief Ramos confirmed that we are the only county agency that does not have tasers and hopes to avoid any incident where a taser could have been used if it was available rather than use of force that is more significant. He acknowledged that Nancy provided a small sample of findings but that none of the incidents referenced resulted in damages caused by use of the tasers. He is asking for support of the use of tasers.

Patrick acknowledged that the district already has the tasers but has not put them into operation; he asked how the district will assess the effectiveness of the use of tasers? How will tasers make us a more effective law enforcement agency? VC Peterson thanked Nancy for the information she gathered and emphasized that every situation she provided could have resulted in tragedy if the incidents had happened in our district. He also stated that our district would look at the use of force in each situation and evaluate if the appropriate use was applied.

The ongoing discussion regarding on-campus officer attire was not discussed today due to timing and will carry over to another meeting agenda. The draft job description for the Mental Health Professional will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Upcoming meeting will include the Review of Recent Policing Policies, Practices, and Effective Shared Governance in the SDCCD. The next meeting is December 19, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm