

- Roll Call**
- The meeting was held via the BlueJeans Platform and came to order a 5:34 p.m. All Board members were present except Dave Alberga and Lourdes Silva.
- Public Comments**
- There were two public comments.
 - Lori Saldana expressed a concern about white supremacists in San Diego County and stated it was important for Sheriff's Department deputies to take action.
 - Akshay Sateesh expressed an interest in becoming a CLERB member for District 1.
- Minutes Approval**
- Pastor Robert Spriggs Jr. made a motion to approve the December 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by G.I. Wilson. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.
- Presentation/Training**
- There was no presentation or training.
- Executive Officer's Report**
- Overview of Activities of CLERB Executive Officer (EO) and Staff
 - The recent Administrative Code changes went into effect on December 17, 2020. The updated CLERB Rules and Regulations capturing those changes went into effect on that same day. Mr. Parker worked closely with the San Diego Sheriff's Department (SDSD) and San Diego Probation Department (Probation) to ensure the new types of cases not requiring signature are reported in a timely and thorough manner.
 - SDSD and Probation will provide information about each new case on a monthly basis, unless CLERB learns about it via other means.
 - As of January 19, 2021, no new cases have been reported.
 - Mr. Parker has received completion certificates from all 10 CLERB members.
 - The Incoming Officer Audit was completed, and one negative finding was discovered. CLERB had not been properly tracking cell phone assignment and cost information and the Executive Officer did not have access to that information. Eliza Hugee and Mr. Parker worked on the deficiency and created processes to remedy it.
 - Mr. Parker was interviewed by a local media outlet for a story about the City of San Diego's Community Review Board on Police Practices (CRBPP) and the recent voter-approved changes impacting it.
 - Staffing Update:
 - On December 14, 2020, Eliza Hugee became solely responsible for CLERB's administrative functions during Tamicha Husband's leave. She has already provided invaluable support and is a welcome addition to staff.
 - The Supervising Special Investigator position and two Special Investigator positions posted on December 17, 2020.
 - The Supervising Special Investigator closed on December 28, 2020 and interviews were conducted last week. The panel's selected candidate will be brought before the CLERB for approval in closed session at the February 9, 2021 meeting.
 - The Special Investigator closed on December 31, 2020 and 74 applications had been received.
 - Interviews will be scheduled after a Supervising Special Investigator candidate is approved by the CLERB.
 - Mr. Parker and Vice-Chair Delaney met with County Communications on December 9, 2020, and discussed outreach efforts specifically targeted to District 1 due to the current CLERB Member vacancy and upcoming vacancy in that District and long-term outreach efforts, e.g., creating a social media presence, etc. The County News Center published an article about the District 1 opening on December 16, 2020. Applications received prior to February 1, 2021, will be reviewed by District 1. Next month, we will reconvene to further discuss long-term outreach efforts.
 - On December 15, 2020, Mr. Parker presented an Overview of CLERB to the County's Leon L. Williams Human Relation Committee. The Committee was appreciative of the overview but expressed concern about the lack of CLERB outreach activities, especially in communities of color and to underrepresented demographics.
 - On December 21, 2020, Mr. Parker was a panelist for the Probation Department's Background Investigator opening.
 - On January 6, 2021, Mr. Parker met with the CLERB/CRB Subcommittee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons (NAACP) North County Police Advisory Taskforce, which includes the Racial Justice Coalition, Showing Up for Racial Justice North County, and the Equity and Justice Coalition. The subcommittee was appreciative of the meeting but also expressed concern about the lack of CLERB outreach activities. The members also expressed concern about the number of deaths occurring in the County jails.

- After discussions during the November CLERB Meeting, Mr. Parker created a “Body Worn Camera (BWC) and Jail Surveillance Requested and Received Tracking Log.” Starting with cases received in calendar year 2020, thus far this year:
 - BWC has been requested in 22 cases and received in 18 cases.
 - In two cases, CLERB had no jurisdiction.
 - In two other cases, release of BWC was not possible due to confidentiality laws.
 - There were no reports of a failure to activate or failure to retain BWC.
 - Jail surveillance video was requested in 17 cases and received in 14 cases.
 - In two cases, the video requested was from the George Bailey Detention Facility (GBDF). There is an issue with the video surveillance capabilities at GBDF. GBDF is slated for renovation upon completion of the Rock Mountain Detention Facility and the surveillance capabilities will be addressed at that time.
 - In one case, the area of alleged misconduct was not covered by surveillance cameras.
 - CLERB staff will maintain this log moving forward and Mr. Parker will report out on this topic every month.
 - As of this moment, as it pertains to CLERB’s cases, there is no apparent systemic issue or trend pertaining to failure to activate or retain BWC.
 - The draft CLERB 2021 Annual Report has been completed and its discussion and approval are on the February 2021 agenda. I will forward it to CLERB this week and attempt to incorporate all requested changes before the February meeting.
- Investigative Workload and Classification Report for December 2020
 - There were two new cases (as compared to 19 for December 2019).
 - At the end of December there were 69 active cases (one in “lodged” status and 68 open and active).
 - There were 19 open death cases.
 - CLERB had documents for nine cases and was awaiting documents on the remaining 10.
 - There were zero new death cases in December.
 - There was a 23% decrease in the total number of cases reported to CLERB in 2020 as compared to 2019. As of June 30, two more cases had been reported in 2020 than at the same point in 2019. A marked decrease in reported cases occurred in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2020. The exact reasons for the drop are unknown but, purely speculating, perhaps COVID-19 played a role with the detention facility population down at some point and less people out and about in public. Albeit additional speculation, but perhaps complainants being shown BWC footage by the SDSA results in less complaints to CLERB.
- Case Progress and Status Reports
 - Mr. Parker discussed the two reports: “CLERB Reports by Due Date” and “CLERB Reports Due by Case Number.”
 - There are nine cases scheduled to reach their one-year time limitation by January 31, 2021; this does not include the 60-day Peace Officers Bill of Rights timeline extension mandated by Governor Newsom in March 2020. Two of those cases are on tonight’s agenda and four are already on February’s agenda. All cases will be completed by the updated due dates to reflect the 60-day extension.
- Executive Officer Correspondence to Full CLERB
 - Effective immediately, any correspondence sent to the full CLERB will be included with CLERB’s monthly agenda as an attachment packet. For this agenda, Attachment D includes 19 emails from Mr. Parker to the CLERB.
- Pending Responses for Policy Recommendations
 - 17-020/Lindhardt – SDSA
 - 17-150/Horsey – SDSA
 - 19-018/Thornton – Probation
 - 19-021/Pitau – SDSA
 - 19-076/Burgess – SDSA
 - 19-091/Brooks - SDSA

Board Chair’s Report

- Board Chair Susan Youngflesh thanked Mr. Parker for completing the 2021 Annual Report in a timely manner.
- Chair Youngflesh also thanked the Department liaisons for their work.
- Chair Youngflesh thanked the CLERB members for completing their required ethics training and for being flexible with the last-minute change to the January CLERB meeting date.

New Business

- Andi Macleod, Tom Packard, Lori Saldana, and Robin Sales addressed the CLERB about the conflicting information between Sergeant Meleen’s December presentation and that provided in Kelly Davis’s rebuttal email.

- Andy Macleod expressed concerns about the data being provided and asked that CLERB take the time to form a plan to undertake its own careful study of the data provided by the Sheriff's Department.
- Tom Packard requested that CLERB ask the Sheriff's staff to provide with their presentations, etc., the relevant raw data and context of those data so that CLERB members fully understand the implications of what the data may show to help fulfill CLERB's mission to increase public confidence in government and accountability of the Sheriff's Department.
- Robin Sales expressed concern that the Board didn't take Sgt Meleen's comments under careful consideration. She suggested CLERB needs more in-depth analysis to know the true scope of the problem of the deaths.
- Lori Saldana recommended that CLERB make a request to the Legislature for assistance with an unbiased review of the death data.
- After the conversation about the New Business started, an unrelated conversation about SDDS's body worn camera usage occurred.
- Tim Ware suggested that SDDS Sergeant Meleen and his co-workers meet with Kelly Davis to discuss the conflicting deaths-in-custody data in the presence of three CLERB members.
 - Shiri Hoffman recommended the formation of a subcommittee to further explore this topic. The subcommittee can only be comprised of CLERB members and no one unaffiliated with CLERB.
 - Chair Youngflesh asked that the formation of a subcommittee be placed on the February agenda and said she will meet with Mr. Parker prior to the next meeting to further discuss.

Unfinished Business

- There was no unfinished business to discuss.

Board Comments

- There were no board comments.

Sheriff/Probation Liaison Query

- Pastor Spriggs inquired if, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Probation Officers can check in on people on probation. Supervising Probation Officer Barnum responded that they are still able to go into the field, only to those high offenders, but everything is scaled back right now because of COVID-19.
- Mr. Ware inquired about Chief Probation Officer Adolfo Gonzales's departure to become the new Chief Probation Officer for Los Angeles County. Supervisor Barnum confirmed the departure, effective January 29, 2021, and reported that Deputy Chief Probation Officer Cesar Escuro will be the Interim Chief Probation Officer for the foreseeable future.

The Board entered closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Closed Session

- a) **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**
Discussion & Consideration of Complaints & Reports: Pursuant to Government code Section 54957 to hear complaints or charges brought against Sheriff or Probation employees by a citizen (unless the employee requests a public session). Notice to government Code Section 54957 for deliberations regarding consideration of subject officer discipline recommendation (if applicable).

CASE NO.	LAST NAME	CASE NO.	LAST NAME
19-100	Sevilla	20-032	King
19-110	Buckelew	20-034	Mascorro
19-125	Rapoport		

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Eliza Hugee, Administrative Secretary



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