

Roll Call

- The meeting was held via the BlueJeans Platform and came to order at 5:31 p.m. All Board members were present except Lourdes Silva and Tim Ware.

Public Comments

- Robin Sales discussed the County Charter section 606, referencing CLERB making policy and procedure recommendations to the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department or the County of San Diego Probation Department. Ms. Sales referenced a case in which CLERB's recommendation was not accepted. She also stated that certain policy recommendations should be referred to the County Board of Supervisors. She also stated that the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department should mandate calling the PERT team in order to prevent further tragedies, especially those involving individuals suffering from mental illness.
- Natalie Nashat urged CLERB to investigate the injuries and deaths that are occurring in the County of San Diego detention facilities. Ms. Nashat referenced a County of Sheriff's Department case which went to Civil Trial.
- Karen Reimus stated that she is deeply concerned about the number and frequency of deaths occurring at the County of San Diego detention facilities. Ms. Reimus referenced a recent UT article and discussed the Democratic Party's recent resolution adoption. She asked CLERB to place an item on its agenda requesting a report of detailed in-custody death information over the last decade. She also stated that policy changes and patterns should be included.
- Tom Packard asked if CLERB was interested in addressing some of the issues covered in a recent UT article. Mr. Packard stated that there were documented issues that CLERB could address with the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department while waiting for the contract regarding the audit to begin. Mr. Packard stated that the Sheriff's Department should be required to provide detailed analytical citations through available documents. He also stated he would like to see the Sheriff Department's progress toward race relations as a standing agenda item.
- Yusef Miller stated that he echoed the concerns regarding the loss of lives in custody in the County of San Diego detention facilities. Mr. Miller stated that an independent investigation would provide the tools to start making the first steps to correcting the problem. He also noted that MCRT is a lifesaving tool and an effort to remove the badge and gun from homelessness and mental health outreach.
- Masha Moss discussed being deeply concerned about the loss of lives occurring via interactions with law enforcement throughout the County and the Country. Ms. Moss discussed a previous CLERB Case and a recent UT article regarding in-custody deaths over the last ten years. She stated that she hoped CLERB could help change the system.
- Patricia Warner stated that she endorses the idea of an independent audit into the in-custody deaths within San Diego County. Ms. Warner noted that CLERB attempted to pursue this issue several months ago by forming a subcommittee and engaging a company to review and analyze the available data. Ms. Warner asked CLERB to consider endorsing the idea of the legislative audit. She stated that she believed this would be a better solution as the legislative body has many resources at its disposal is a standing committee rather than a recently formed committee. Ms. Warner also noted that the legislative committee would be able to act rather than make recommendations.
- Lori Saldana discussed the resolution passed by the Democratic party and noted that an Assembly Member would be submitting a request to the State regarding an investigation into in-custody deaths in San Diego County. She stated that she hopes that the outcome of the independent investigation would lead to fewer deaths in custody and better outcomes for all in custody in County of San Diego detention facilities.
- Andi MacLeod echoed everyone before her and appreciates CLERB's work. She stated that she was concerned about the statistics regarding the Sheriff's Department and CLERB's response as it relates to the deputies' actions regarding cell extractions. Ms. MacLeod referenced a UT article and a recent cell extraction complaint. She stated that she is interested in knowing how this is monitored. She also stated that if an inmate has mental illness, the cell extraction is more dangerous for both the deputies and the inmates. Ms. MacLeod stated that she hoped to see this as a future agenda item so that the public could understand.

**Minutes
Approval**

- Vice Chair Eileen Delaney made a motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Secretary Pastor Robert Spriggs Jr. Lourdes Silva and Tim Ware abstained from the vote. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Presentation/Training

- Executive Officer Paul Parker provided a [General Overview of CLERB](#).

**Executive Officer's
Report**

- Overview of Activities of CLERB Executive Officer (EO) and Staff
 - On April 14, 2021, Mr. Parker and Supervising Special Investigator Lynn Setzler had a productive meet-and-greet with San Diego Sheriff's Department (SDSD) Sheriff William Gore, Undersheriff Kelly Martinez, Lieutenant Michelle Craig, Sergeant Kristin Brayman, Sergeant Daniel Dennis, Sergeant Aaron Meleen, and members of the Sheriff's Executive Team.
 - On April 14, 2021, Mr. Parker met with members of the Racial Justice Coalition of North County to discuss items identified for follow-up at a previous meeting.
 - On May 3, 2021, Mr. Parker provided a CLERB Overview and 2020 Annual Report presentation to the Del Mar City Council. In the presentation, he also included five-year statistics for the North Coastal Station, which, despite being the law enforcement station with the most lodged complaints during that five-year period, has seen a decrease in cases over the past few years. Of note, only two excessive force allegations were made during that five-year period. One council member opined that he supported CLERB having jurisdiction over medical staff. Another council member inquired as to the diversity of the CLERB, to include age.
 - On May 4, 2021, Mr. Parker provided a CLERB Overview and 2020 Annual Report presentation to the Lemon Grove City Council. In the presentation, he also included five-year statistics for the Lemon Grove Station, the law enforcement station with the third most lodged complaints during that five-year period, however only three were filed last year.
 - On May 6, 2021, Mr. Parker met with former CLERB Executive Officer Sue Quinn to discuss historical CLERB issues and the current issues facing civilian oversight at CLERB, locally, and nationwide.
 - On May 10, 2021, in preparation for his May 27, 2021 presentation of CLERB's Operational Plan and 2021/2022 budget to the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Parker provided the draft presentation to Chief Administrative Officer Helen Robbins-Meyer and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Michael Vu.
 - On May 11, 2021, Mr. Parker attended the Welcome Newcomers Network meeting.
 - During the week of May 17-20, Mr. Parker will meet with San Diegans for Justice.
 - On May 24, 2021, Vice Chair Eileen Delaney and Mr. Parker will meet with District 3 Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer.
 - In June 2021, the Detention Facility Inspection Subcommittee will meet with SDSD personnel to kick off detention facility inspection conversations, with the goal of conducting the first such inspection in January 2022.
 - Staffing Update:
 - On April 20 and 21, 2021, interviews of Special Investigator candidates were conducted. Conditional job offers were extended to three candidates. Two of the candidates accepted the offers and are in the background process. Discussions are underway with another candidate.
 - The current District 1 CLERB Member opening is being addressed by the District 1 Board Office. County Communications issued a press release about the July 1, 2021 District 1 opening and the application period closed on April 2, 2021.
 - Plans for filling the District 5 CLERB Member opening are still being discussed.
 - Investigative Workload and Classification Report for April 2021
 - There were seven new cases (as compared to five for April 2020).
 - At the end of April there were 74 active cases (six in "lodged" status and 68 open and active).

- There were 20 open death cases.
 - CLERB had documents for 14 cases and was awaiting documents on the remaining six.
 - There was one new death case in April (one in-custody death).
- There were four open uses of force resulting in gross bodily injury without a complaint.
- There was one open discharge of firearm without a complaint.
- No uses of force at protest or First Amendment protected events without a complaint have been reported.
- 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 13 cases scheduled to reach their one-year time limitation by May 31, 2021; to include the 60-day Peace Officers Bill of Rights timeline extension mandated by Governor Newsom in March 2020. Three of those cases are on tonight’s agenda.
- Executive Officer Correspondence to Full CLERB
 - Two media article compilations, one containing nine articles and one containing five articles, were sent to the CLERB.
- Pending Responses for Policy Recommendations
 - 17-150 / Horsey – SDSD
 - 18-150 / Morris – SDSD
 - 19-018 / Thornton – Probation
 - 19-091 / Brooks – SDSD
 - 20-014 / Pace - SDSD
- Policy Recommendation Response
 - None
- Sustained Findings Pending Responses
 - None

Board Chair’s Report ■ Board Chair Susan Youngflesh extended the Board’s thanks to CLERB staff for all of their hard work as well as to CLERB’s Liaisons. Chair Youngflesh also welcomed the new CLERB Liaisons.

New Business ■ Proposed Revision to CLERB Board Policy and Procedure Guidelines

- There are two proposed changes to the CLERB Rules and Regulations:
 - A section will be added under number 4, case review. *We added **Board Members shall make every reasonable effort to review video footage or review other evidence if CLERB staff request that they do so.*** There was community concern noted in a media article, noting that evidence was not being reviewed.
 - Vice Chair Eileen Delaney recommended a change to the Board Officers terms in order to be more consistent. The terms should align with the Board Member terms. The Board Officers currently serve a calendar year term (January to December), while Board Members terms align with the County fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). There is nothing in the County Charter or Administrative Code that prevents this change.
 - Another change is that in addition to the Board Chair, the Executive Officer would also serve as CLERB’s Spokesperson.
- Robert Spriggs made a motion to approve the revisions to the Policy and Procedure Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Kenk. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Unfinished Business ■ Detention Facility Inspection Subcommittee Update Presented by Vice-Chair Eileen Delaney

- The subcommittee is looking forward to reconvening, looking forward to the upcoming meeting on June 1, 2021, and looking forward to working with the new liaisons.
- We have made some changes that we think will help with the process.

■ In-Custody Death Review Subcommittee Update Presented by Michael Gray

- Michael Gray has agreed to chair this subcommittee.
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) for services and data analysis was released on April 19, 2021, and the questions were due April 30, 2021. All proposals are due May 14, 2021.

- This subcommittee met last week to discuss the RFP, as well as this subcommittee's role in reviewing the proposals. It will be this subcommittee's responsibility to select the best organization to complete the proposed project. The report is expected to be complete by November 2021.
- Board Chair Youngflesh noted that Board Members interested in serving on this committee should contact Mr. Gray, Executive Officer Parker, or Board Chair Youngflesh.

Board Comments

- There were no Board Member comments.

**Sheriff/Probation
Liaison Query**

- Sergeant Kristin Brayman gave a brief introduction.
- Sergeant Daniel Dennis gave a brief introduction.
- Bonnie Kenk asked about the level of knowledge deputies have in regard to dependent adults.
- Sergeant Brayman stated she would research the subject and provide an answer to Executive Officer Parker.

The Board entered closed session at 6:55 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
20-026	Kissinger	21-011	Satallante
20-036	Dia	21-021	Munier
20-047	Cheatom	21-036	Patton
20-066	Carrillo		

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tamicha Husband, Administrative Secretary



PAUL R. PARKER III
Executive Officer



ROBERT SPRIGGS, JR.
Secretary to the Board