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Community Police Oversight Board

June 6, 2025

5:30 PM

Community Police Oversight Board FY 24-25 Subcommittees	
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General Information

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- That no one shall delay or interrupt the proceedings, or refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer.
- All persons should refrain from private conversation, eating, drinking and smoking while in the Council Chamber.
- Posters or placards must remain outside the Council Chamber.
- No cellular phones or audible beepers allowed in Council Chamber while City Council is in session.

"Citizens and other visitors attending City Council meetings shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct applicable to members of the City Council. Any person making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the City Council or while attending the City Council meeting shall be removed from the room if the sergeant-at-arms is so directed by the presiding officer, and the person shall be barred from further audience before the City Council during that session of the City Council. If the presiding officer fails to act, any member of the City Council may move to require enforcement of the rules, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council shall require the presiding officer to act." Section 3.3(c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure. para hacer cumplir las reglas establecidas, y el voto afirmativo de la mayoría del Ayuntamiento Municipal precisara al oficial que este presidiendo la sesión a tomar acción." Según la sección 3.3 (c) de las reglas de procedimientos del Ayuntamiento.

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Reglas de Cortesía

Las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal reúnen a ciudadanos de diversos intereses e ideologías. Para asegurar la imparcialidad y el orden durante las asambleas, el Ayuntamiento ha adoptado ciertas reglas de cortesía que aplican a todos los miembros del Ayuntamiento, al personal administrativo, personal de los medios de comunicación, a los ciudadanos, y a visitantes. Estos reglamentos establecen lo siguiente:

- Ninguna persona retrasara o interrumpirá los procedimientos, o se negara a obedecer las órdenes del oficial que preside la asamblea.
- Todas las personas deben abstenerse de entablar conversaciones, comer, beber y fumar dentro de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- Anuncios y pancartas deben permanecer fuera de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- No se permite usar teléfonos celulares o enlaces electrónicos (*paggers*) audibles en la cámara del Ayuntamiento durante audiencias del Ayuntamiento Municipal

"Los ciudadanos y visitantes presentes durante las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal deben de obedecer las mismas reglas de comportamiento, decoro y buena conducta que se aplican a los miembros del Ayuntamiento Municipal. Cualquier persona que haga comentarios impertinentes, utilice vocabulario obsceno o difamatorio, o que al dirigirse al Ayuntamiento lo haga en forma escandalosa, o si causa disturbio durante la asamblea del Ayuntamiento Municipal, será expulsada de la cámara si el oficial que este presidiendo la asamblea así lo ordena. Además, se le prohibirá continuar participando en la audiencia ante el Ayuntamiento Municipal. Si el oficial que preside la asamblea no toma acción, cualquier otro miembro del Ayuntamiento Municipal puede tomar medidas

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"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."

"Pursuant to Section 46.03, Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."

"De conformidad con la Sección 46.03, Código Penal (coloca armas prohibidas), una persona no puede llevar un arma de fuego u otra arma a ninguna reunión abierta en esta propiedad."



COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Friday, June 6, 2025 - 5:30 PM

There are three ways to attend and participate:

1. **In Person:** Dallas City Hall, City Council Briefing Room, 6ES

2. **Video Link Online:**

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=m5b61acedadec076b8f62cac9125c166>

Access Code: 2492 133 0401 **Meeting Password:** XMe4rVvEH36

3. **Telephone:** +1-469-210-7159 United States Toll (Dallas)

The City of Dallas will make Reasonable Accommodations/Modifications to programs and/or other related activities to ensure any and all residents have access to services and resources to ensure an equitable and inclusive meeting. Anyone requiring auxiliary aid, service, and/or translation to fully participate in the meeting should notify the Office of Community Police Oversight by calling (214) 671-8283, three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting. A video stream of the meeting will be available twenty-four (24) hours after adjournment by visiting: Individuals and interested parties wishing to speak must register with the Office of Community Police Oversight at Dallascityhall.com/OCPO or call (214) 671- 8283, twenty- four (24) hours prior to the meeting date and time.

La Ciudad de Dallas hará adaptaciones o modificaciones razonables a los programas y/o otras actividades relacionadas para garantizar que todos y cada uno de los residentes tengan acceso a servicios y recursos para garantizar una reunión equitativa e inclusiva. Cualquier persona que requiera ayuda auxiliar, servicio y/o traducción para participar plenamente en la reunión debe notificar a la Oficina de Supervisión de la Policía Comunitaria llamando al (214) 671-8283, tres (3) días hábiles antes de la reunión programada. Una transmisión de video de la reunión estará disponible veinticuatro (24) horas después del cierre visitando <https://dallastx.new.swagit.com/views/113>.

Las personas y partes interesadas que deseen hablar deben registrarse en la Oficina de Supervisión de la Policía Comunitaria en Dallascityhall.com/OCPO o llamar al (214) 671- 8283, veinticuatro (24) horas antes de la fecha y hora de la reunión.

BOARD MEMBERS:

District 15 <u>Chair</u> John Mark Davidson	District 1 <u>Vice-Chair</u> Aswad Smith	District 2 Jonathan Maples	District 3 Walter Higgins	District 4 Loren Gilbert-Smith
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District 10 Jennifer King	District 11 Arlene Steinfield	District 12 Deatra Wadsworth	District 13 David Kitner	District 14 Brandon Friedman

STAFF:

Director Police Monitor Michele Andre	Communication Advisor Waldir Guerrero	Special Investigator Gregory Huff	Policy Analyst Siara Montoya Obasuyi	Senior Outreach Specialist Alma Perez
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The City of Dallas Office of Community Police Oversight (OCPO) is dedicated to addressing complaints against Dallas Police Department officers. The OCPO's primary function is to monitor DPD investigations of external administrative complaints or critical incidents, oversee mediations, independently investigate administrative investigations upon the conclusion of an internal affairs investigation (case disposition and discipline); review findings of internal affairs investigations or investigations of critical incidents and report the findings to the board; provide support services to the board such as aiding the board and the technical resource panel in their work; and assist the board with preparing reports. The OCPO does not represent complainants or assist in any monetary recovery or other damages sought by a complainant.

La Oficina de Supervisión de la Policía Comunitaria (OCPO) de la Ciudad de Dallas se dedica a atender quejas contra agentes del Departamento de Policía de Dallas. La función principal de la OCPO es monitorear las investigaciones del DPD sobre quejas administrativas externas o incidentes críticos, supervisar las mediaciones; investigar de forma independiente las investigaciones administrativas una vez concluida una investigación de asuntos internos (disposición del caso y disciplina); revisar los resultados de las investigaciones de asuntos internos o de incidentes críticos e informar los resultados a la junta; proporcionar servicios de apoyo a la junta, como ayudar a la junta y al panel de recursos técnicos en su trabajo; y ayudar a la junta en la preparación de informes. La OCPO no representa a los denunciantes ni ayuda en ninguna recuperación monetaria u otros daños solicitados por un denunciante.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call (Chairman John Mark Davidson)**II. Purpose of Meeting (Chairman John Mark Davidson)**

- a. During the May 13, 2025, meeting, the board decided to send a letter to Dallas Police Chief Comeaux requesting his stance on immigration and the Dallas Police Department's involvement in the deportations taking place by ICE. The chief's response lacked elements critical to understanding his stance, so a second letter has been prepared in response. This meeting is to discuss the elements of this letter.

III. Public Comments/Open Microphone (3 minutes per person)**Action item****IV. Discussion on the Role of DPD in Immigration Enforcement (Chairman John Mark Davidson)**

- a. Submittal of a letter to Chief Comeaux

V. Adjournment**Materials Provided:**

- Letter to Chief Comeaux - Draft



City of Dallas

May 30, 2025

Chief Daniel Comeaux
Dallas Police Department
1400 Botham Jean Blvd
Dallas, TX 75215

RE: CPOB Request for Clarification on DPD Collaboration with Federal Immigration Authorities

Dear Chief Daniel Comeaux,

Thank you for responding to the Community Police Oversight Board's (CPOB) inquiry regarding the Dallas Police Department's (DPD) current and proposed collaborations with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other agencies within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

We appreciate your willingness to engage on this vital issue. However, we had hoped for a more comprehensive elaboration that could provide deeper insight into your leadership philosophy and approach to a national immigration enforcement context that has raised significant concerns and fear among many Dallas residents.

As members of the CPOB appointed by the City Council and Mayor to represent and advocate for all Dallas residents, we aim to foster a transparent, respectful, and collaborative relationship with the DPD. This includes a shared understanding of departmental strategies, especially during heightened public concern.

We respectfully request a more detailed explanation of your position on DPD's collaboration with federal immigration authorities. Specifically, we want to understand how your leadership navigates the complex balance between compliance with federal mandates and responsiveness to the local community's well-being. Articulating your overarching vision and approach to leadership in these circumstances would be particularly valuable in helping the Board fulfill its mandate.

Additionally, gaining clarity on how your department ensures alignment with constitutional protections, departmental codes of conduct, and local community values in these cooperative engagements would greatly assist the Board in evaluating the impact of such partnerships on public trust and safety.

While we recognize the Department's obligation to comply with state and federal immigration laws, we urge that Dallas residents' safety, well-being, and peace of mind remain the guiding priorities in all decisions involving cooperation with external agencies. Prioritizing the needs and protections of the residents you serve is foundational to maintaining the legitimacy and integrity of local law enforcement.

With the enactment of Senate Bill 8, which expands local law enforcement's role in immigration-related matters, we understand that DPD may need to revisit and assess its current immigration policy, especially provisions that limit inquiry into immigration status during routine policing. Should any modifications to these policies be considered, we respectfully request that the Department commit to informing the community in a clear, timely, and transparent manner. Ensuring open communication around such changes is essential to sustaining public confidence and reinforces the Department's continued dedication to equitable and constitutional policing.

We are committed to productive and constructive dialogue that upholds the integrity of law enforcement while addressing the legitimate concerns of the residents we collectively serve. Through this partnership, we hope to identify and support solutions that responsibly balance public safety with the concerns expressed by our diverse community.

Very Respectfully,

John Mark Davidson

Chair – District 15

City of Dallas Community Police Oversight Board

Co-signed by:

CC:

City Manager Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert

Chief Dominique Artis

Honorable Mayor Eric Johnson

Honorable City Council Members

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1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]