



Community Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) Minutes

Ward 6 Community Room
Hybrid Meeting
3202 E. First Street, Tucson, AZ 85716
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Nuñez at 5:40 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Annabelle Nuñez, *Vice Chair*
Kate Calhoun, *Chair*
Carlos R. Portillo
Jerry Flanary (*Non-Voting Advisory Member*)

Representing:

Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
CPARB

Ex-Officio Members:

Mitch Kagen, *Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)* City Manager's Office
Lt. James Wakefield, *Assistant Police Chief, Tucson Police Department*

Members Absent:

Sgt. Darrell Hussman, *Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)*
Katie Voll
Vacant
Vacant

Representing:

Tucson Police Department
Ward 6
Ward 1
Ward 2

Others Present:

Lt. Jesse Chamberlain (TPD) Office of Professional Standards
Cpt. Adam Kidd Tucson Police Department
Tracy McAfee, Administrative Assistant City Clerk's Office
Jessica Figueroa, Administrative Assistant City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Legal Action Report and Minutes of January 20, 2026 (February 17, 2026, and March 17, 2026, Meetings Canceled)

It was moved by Commissioner Kate Calhoun, duly seconded by Commissioner Carlos Portillo, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 to 0, to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from January 20, 2026.

3. Report from Vice Chairperson (Information Only)

Vice Chair Annabelle Nuñez requested that the City Clerk's staff look into the response to the letter sent to Councilmember Kevin Dahl regarding the Boards and Commissions term limits, specifically for CPARB, which he is to present to the Mayor and Council to remove term limits.

4. Call to the Audience

The City Clerk's Office did not receive any requests to speak.

5. Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case # 25-0374

It was moved by Commissioner Kate Calhoun, duly seconded by Vice Chair Annabelle Nuñez, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 to find Case #25-0374 to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

2. Case # 24-0290

It was moved by Commissioner Kate Calhoun, duly seconded by Commissioner Carlos Portillo, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 to find Case #24-0290 to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

3. Case # 25-0037

It was moved by Commissioner Kate Calhoun, duly seconded by Commissioner Annabelle Nuñez, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 to find Case #25-0037 to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

6. Tucson Police Department:

A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month

Lt. Wakefield discussed preparations for the NCAA Final Four involving the University of Arizona basketball team, which began in February. The Tucson Police Department established designated operational areas and received assistance from partner agencies, particularly along 4th Avenue and University Boulevard.

He noted that the overall atmosphere leading into this year's event differed significantly from previous years, which influenced how law enforcement approached operations for sporting events. Network teams were deployed to actively engage and interact with crowds.

Among the issues observed were the overservice of alcohol to already intoxicated individuals and anticipation of a large block party, which the department prepared for but ultimately did not occur. The department also planned for isolated incidents and reported an overall effective response to situations that arose. Crowd control efforts included coordinated transportation using buses and streetcars following the conclusion of the Final Four games.

Lt. Wakefield further shared that, under the leadership of Chief Prieto, there is a new initiative focused on addressing open-air drug use and frequent street-level drug activity within the Tucson area. This initiative involves forming a narcotics alliance aimed at dismantling drug trafficking organizations through collaboration with local, state, and federal partners. Key steps include identifying problem locations and individuals and concentrating enforcement efforts in those areas. Implementation is expected within the coming weeks.

Kate Calhoun requested that the City Clerk's Office explore a future training topic related to Safe City Narcotics. Lt. Wakefield also referenced a scientific study designed to identify individuals at higher risk of committing violent acts. As part of this effort, a Violence Interruption Coordinator has been engaged to conduct outreach and connect individuals with services aimed at preventing crime.

Annabelle Nuñez raised concerns regarding the accessibility of Kratom, noting its increasing use and potential risks. Kratom is a tropical evergreen plant whose leaves can act as a sedative and pain reliever, interacting with brain receptors in a manner similar to opioids, which raises concerns about addiction and misuse—particularly near schools. She inquired whether this issue is being addressed at the legislative level. Lt. Wakefield confirmed that the State of Arizona is actively examining the matter and noted that he met earlier in the day with representatives from Counter Narcotics and the Attorney General's Office to discuss the issue.

B. Office of Professional Standards/ Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Professional Standards during the prior month.

Lt. Chamberlain stated that their office has been busy due to critical incidents over seven days and is investigating those critical incidents. He stated that the Pima County Regional Critical Incident Team investigated those critical incidents.

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

1. Chair Nomination

It was moved by Vice Chair Annabelle Nuñez, duly seconded by Commissioner Carlos Portillo, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 to elect Kate Calhoun as Chair of CPARB.

The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

2. Vice Chair Nomination

It was moved by Commissioner Kate Calhoun, duly seconded by Commissioner Carlos Portillo, and passed by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 to elect Annabelle Nuñez as Vice Chair of CPARB.

The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

8. Office of Independent Police Auditor

Mitch Kagan stated that concerns related to “the system” and other mental health crises are frequently brought to his attention. After reviewing these complaints, he determined that approximately 60–70% do not require further investigation, as they are not police-related. These cases are instead referred to the Mental Health Services Team, the Community Safety and Welfare Group, and appropriate counseling agencies for follow-up.

Mr. Kagan also acknowledged Gabriel Holguin, who was not physically present but attended the meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams. He noted that Mr. Holguin serves as a council aide representing Ward 5.

A question was raised regarding the Ward 6 appointment of Katie Voll, a practicing attorney with the Pima County Attorney’s Office. It was noted that she has been unable to attend prior meetings, including the current meeting, due to scheduling conflicts and will need to be sworn in at the next CPARB meeting.

Term limits were also discussed, as several commissioners’ terms are approaching expiration. No further questions were raised.

9. Possible Ordinance/Tucson Code Changes regarding the future of the Community Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) direction (Discussion/Action).

Vice Chair Nuñez stated that her action will be to follow up with Councilmember Kevin Dahl regarding term limits for board members.

10. CPARB Vacancies

CPARB members stated they will conduct outreach in Wards 1 and 2 to identify individuals who may be interested in serving on the CPARB board.

11. Future Agenda Items

Request for the City Narcotic Group to do a presentation at the next CPARB meeting.

12. Adjournment

Vice Chair, Nuñez, adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Ward 6 Community Room, Hybrid Meeting

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