



Community Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB)

Legal Action Report

Ward 6 Community Room

Hybrid Meeting

3202 E. First Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Nancy Huff

Annabelle Nuñez, *Vice Chair*

Kate Calhoun, *Chair*

Carlos R. Portillo

Representing:

Ward 2

Ward 3

Ward 4

Ward 5

Ex-Officio Members:

Mitch Kagen

Capt. Adam Kidd

City Manager's Office

Tucson Police Department

Members Absent:

Non-Voting Advisory Members:

Jerry Flanary

Representing:

CPARB

Others Present:

Lt. Jesse Chamberlain

Luis Romero, IT Administrator

Jessica Figueroa, Administrative Assistant

Tracy McAfee, Administrative Assistant

Office of Professional Standards

Tucson Police Department

City Clerk's Office

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2. Approval of Legal Action Report and Minutes of June 16, 2026.

It was moved by Commissioner Vice Chair Anabelle Nuñez and duly seconded by Commissioner Carlos Portillo and passed by a roll call vote of 4 to 0, to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from June 16, 2026.

3. Report from Chairperson

No reports were provided by Chairperson.

4. Call to the Audience

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

5. Tucson Police Department Presentation/Training

Presentation/training on the Aerial Emergency Response (AER) Pilot Program Overview given by Tucson Police Department IT Administrator, Luis Romero. The Aerial Emergency Response (AER) Pilot Program is scheduled to launch in the fall as an innovative approach to enhancing emergency response capabilities. The program is designed to improve situational awareness, support informed decision-making, and provide critical information to first responders before they arrive on scene.

When a 911 call is received, dispatch determines whether the incident is an eligible call type within the pilot coverage area. If the call qualifies and weather conditions permit, a drone is automatically deployed from the nearest dock and can typically arrive at the scene in approximately two minutes or less. The drone provides real-time aerial awareness to responding personnel, allowing officers and firefighters to better assess the situation before arrival. The program supports both the Tucson Police Department and the Tucson Fire Department for approved emergency response scenarios. The response process includes, a 911 call is received, dispatch confirms the incident is eligible, the nearest drone is deployed, the operations center receives the live video feed, and real-time information is shared with responding police officers or firefighters. The pilot includes four deployment locations, eight Skydio drone docks (two at each location), integration with the City's 911 dispatch system and deployment only for active calls for service—No Call, No Flight. The drone system utilizes Skydio docks integrated with the department's existing Axon public safety technology, including body-worn cameras, TASER devices, and records management systems. The purpose of the pilot is to evaluate whether drone technology can improve emergency response, enhance responder safety, and provide valuable situational awareness before personnel arrive on scene. Performance measures will include, response times, time to first visual assessment, operational effectiveness and support for responder safety.

Formal evaluations will be conducted at the six-month period and again at the conclusion of the 12-month period before any decision is made regarding permanent implementation. Based on data modeling, drones are expected to arrive before ground responders in approximately 92% of eligible incidents. The program may be used for incidents such as alarm calls and alarm verification, welfare checks, suspicious activity, fire size-up and scene assessment, situational awareness for responding personnel, de-escalation opportunities through improved information before arrival.

The AER Pilot Program is designed as a dispatch tool, not a surveillance program. Drone deployments occur only in response to active calls for service, and every flight is documented and logged. Data collection, retention, and access are governed by established policies to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with applicable laws and department standards. The program includes ongoing oversight throughout the pilot period to evaluate operational performance, community impact, and policy compliance before determining whether the program should continue beyond the pilot phase.

6. Tucson Police Department:

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

Captain Adam Kidd provided an update on the July 18th, 2026, downtown shooting incident. The suspect opened fire following a verbal altercation, injuring nine uninvolved bystanders before being stopped by a Tucson Police officer. All victims and the suspect were transported to the hospital and are expected to survive. The suspect, who was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a prior felony conviction, is expected to face multiple felony charges. The Pima Regional Critical Incident Team, led by the Pima County Sheriff's Department, is conducting the independent investigation, and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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

The Tucson Police Department is converting hard-copy case files and reports into a digital format through the Axon system. To support this effort, two temporary employees have been authorized to assist with the records conversion process.

7. Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case # 25-0594

It was moved by Commissioner Carlos Portillo and duly seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Annabelle Ñunez. Passed by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #25-0594, to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

2. Case # 25-0539

It was moved by Commissioner Carlos Portillo, duly seconded by Commissioner Nancy Huff. Passed by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #25-0539, to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

3. Case # 25-0597

It was moved by Commissioner Nancy Huff, duly seconded by Commissioner Carlos Portillo and passed by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 to find Case #25-0597, to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

8. Office of Independent Police Auditor

Ex-Officio Mitch Kagen encouraged members to continue participating in training opportunities, including ride-alongs with Tucson Police Department officers.

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

Chair Kate Calhoun announced that at the June 23rd, 2026, mayor and council approved ending term limits for commissions by a 5 to 1 vote, allowing current board members to continue serving indefinitely as long as they are reappointed by their ward council member.

10. CPARB Vacancies.

Ward 6 and Ward 2 have filled their CPARB vacancies.

CPARB vacancies now include Mayor and Ward 1.

11. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were announced.

12. Adjournment

Chair Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Ward 6 Community Room, Hybrid Meeting
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