



Community Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB)

Legal Action Report

Ward 6 Community Room
Hybrid Meeting
3202 E. First Street, Tucson, AZ 85716
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Chair Calhoun. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Nancy Huff

Kate Calhoun, *Chair*

Jerry Flanary (Non-Voting, Pending Hours)

Representing:

Ward 2

Ward 4

Ward 6

Ex- Officio Members Present:

Mitch Kagen

City Manager's Office

Members Absent:

Annabelle Nuñez, *Vice Chair*

Carlos R. Portillo

Representing:

Ward 3

Ward 5

Others Absent:

Assistant Chief James Wakefield

Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Lt. Jesse Chamberlain

Darrell Hussman

Captain Lauren Pettey

Jessica Figueroa, Administrative Assistant

Tracy McAfee, Administrative Assistant

Office of Professional Standards

Tucson Police Department

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City Clerk's Office

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2. Approval of Legal Action Report and Minutes of September 15, 2026.

It was moved by Commissioner Nancy Huff duly seconded by Chair Kate Calhoun and passed by a roll call vote of 2 to 0, to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from September 15, 2026.

3. Report from Chairperson

Chairperson Kate Calhoun reported a reminder for the upcoming training opportunity for board members, the Annual FRB/CPARB Training. That will take place at the Training center located at 10001 S Wilmot Rd, on Friday October 23, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

4. Call to the Audience

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

5. Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case # 25-0474

It was moved by Chair Kate Calhoun and duly seconded by Commissioner Nancy Huff. Passed by a roll call vote of 2 to 0, to find Case #25-0474, to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

2. Case # 26-0082

It was moved by Commissioner Nancy Huff, duly seconded by Chair Kate Calhoun. Passed by a roll call vote of 2 to 0, to find Case #26-0082, to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

3. Case # 26-0157

It was moved by Commissioner Nancy Huff, duly seconded by Chair Kate Calhoun and passed by a roll call vote of 2 to 0, to find Case #26-0157, to have been a fair and thorough investigation.

The motion passed by a vote of 2 to 0.

6. Tucson Police Department:

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

Lt. Jesse Chamberlain filled in for Assistant Chief James Wakefield and provided several reports on a variety of topics such as, Tucson Police Department's Three-Year Strategic Plan: The department is finalizing a strategic plan scheduled to take effect in January 2027. The plan focuses on three priorities, the first being Exceptional Community Service: Improving residents' access to police services and responsiveness to community needs. The second Workforce Development and Sustainability: Strengthening recruitment, retention, employee development, and staffing levels. Third, Internal and External Communication: Improving communication with employees, residents, and community stakeholders.

Parks and Public Spaces: Santa Rita Park reopened on October 2, 2026, following a coordinated effort between TPD and other City departments to maintain a safe and welcoming environment. New signage clarifies that parks and their facilities must be used for their intended purposes, allowing officers to address inappropriate uses, such as camping in gazebos or baseball fields and bathing at splash pads. The department hopes to expand this signage to other city parks. Officers, Community Service Officers, Specialized Units, and partner organizations will continue addressing issues at parks and connecting individuals with appropriate services.

Halloween Safety and Enforcement: TPD is preparing for increased activity downtown, particularly around Congress Street, the University area, and Fourth Avenue. Officials anticipate as many as 40,000 people downtown. Plans include:

Party Patrols deployed citywide to respond quickly to reports of violence and proactively address potentially problematic gatherings, increased traffic enforcement focused on DUI prevention, as well as having additional officers and specialized teams downtown to maintain public safety.

Downtown Police Presence: In response to a question about foot patrols and undercover officers, the department confirmed that the Downtown Violence Reduction Team and undercover Field Intelligence Teams will be deployed. Additional staffing is planned because Halloween and New Year's Eve are among the busiest nights of the year.

Downtown Road Closures: The planned closure of Congress Street is expected to help manage the large crowds and create a safer, more welcoming downtown environment. Officials hope this approach will encourage future events that attract families and visitors, rather than limiting downtown activity to a weekend bar crawl. Sun Link streetcar service is expected to continue, and officials acknowledged that implementing the road closures will involve an ongoing learning process.

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

An update was provided by Lt. Jesse Chamberlain regarding the Civil Service Hearing: A two-day civil service hearing, extending into the morning of the third day, was held regarding the termination of a Community Service Officer for untruthfulness. The hearing resulted in a unanimous 3–0 vote to uphold the termination. City Attorney’s Office, Lupe Garcia who is a new member of the City Attorney’s Office, served as the City’s primary litigator during the hearing and was commended for her work.

7. Office of Independent Police Auditor

Ex-Officio Mitch Kagen gave several updates, the first being that civil service hearings are open to the public and can be attended in person at City Hall or virtually. These proceedings operate similarly to a trial, with evidence presented and witnesses subject to cross-examination. Members interested in attending future hearings were encouraged to obtain scheduling information through the appropriate City Hall website or City Clerk’s Office.

A reminder was given for CPARB members who will attend the upcoming Annual FRB/CPARB training, that it will be this Friday October 23, 2026 located at SALETC training center; 10001 S Wilmot Rd. from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

A report from The Operations Division Midtown District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting was held on September 30 2026. Nancy Huff was also in attendance and a couple topics that were discussed were Unhoused and Neighborhood Safety: Residents near Reid Park expressed concerns about unhoused individuals camping behind residential properties and frustration with the response time for Tucson Police Department (TPD) calls. Concerns were raised about maintaining public trust and preventing residents from feeling they must take neighborhood safety into their own hands. Residents also raised concerns about noise complaints and enforcement of the City’s unruly gathering ordinance. The ordinance applies to gatherings of five or more people whose activities interfere with others’ quiet enjoyment of their property. Violations can result in significant fines, and landlords may be held responsible for repeat violations. Staff shortages within the unit responsible for these calls have also contributed to concerns. TPD reportedly plans to increase its response to these complaints.

An announcement of an Upcoming Operations Division East (ODE) DAC Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Located at the Ward 2 Council Office, on 7820 East Broadway, near Broadway Boulevard and Pantano Road. The meeting focus will be similar to the Midtown meeting. Officers will discuss neighborhood-specific law enforcement concerns, with participation from other City departments and agencies addressing unhoused and related community issues. Members were encouraged to attend if available.

8. CPARB Vacancies.

CPARB vacancies now include Mayor and Ward 1.

9. Future Agenda Items

School Safety Officer Update: Provide an overview of off-duty School Safety Officers' protocols, procedures, and daily responsibilities.

10. Adjournment

Chair Kate Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Ward 6 Community Room, Hybrid Meeting

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