

Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
held at the association headquarters

1 President David Leonhardi called the Meeting of the Board of Directors to order on August 27, 2020 at
2 1:00 p.m.

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4 **ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:**

5 **Present:** Benjamin, Castillo, Gardenhire, Fifita, Leonhardi, McCurdy, Morabe, Shawcroft, Rinder

6 **Absent:**

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8 Upon motion by Morabe, Second by Castillo, and passed by unanimous vote, the August 27, 2020
9 meeting of the Board of Directors entered into closed session at 2:26 p.m. for confidential
10 communications to include Rachel Parrott and Fern Steiner.

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12 1) Discussion:
13 a. Addendum F

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15 MOTION/Morabe, SECOND/Shawcroft to come out of closed session at 3:05 p.m.

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18 1) **APPEARANCES:**

- 19 a) Phil Jonas – PORAC LDF Trustee Candidate 1:00 p.m.
20 i) Phil Jonas is on the Board of Directors for San Bernardino Sheriff's Employees' Benefit
21 Association and is running for the board of trustees for the PORAC LDF board.
22 ii) Jonas is running on a platform of transparency regarding the costs associated with the fund.

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24 2) **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 25 a) Minutes from August 13, 2020
26 b) Retirements
27 i) Mario Genera – 26 years of membership - \$6,300

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29 MOTION/Benjamin, SECOND/Fifita to approve the consent calendar with the amended minutes.
30 Motion unanimously carries.

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32 3) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Leonhardi

- 33 a) Legislative update
34 i) Discussed under PAC.
35 b) PORAC LA DA request
36 i) Discussed under PAC.
37 c) County mileage update
38 i) President Leonhardi updated the board on an issue related to in-county travel and payment
39 of either mileage or time. The department advised that they will pay time traveled for out-of-
40 county travel and will pay mileage for in-county travel. Mileage is only paid for the difference
41 in mileage between their regularly assigned location and the location of the training or
42 assignment.
43 ii) The member advised Leonhardi that he spoke with a federal labor attorney who advised they
44 have to pay time. Leonhardi expressed to the board that the member is free to move forward
45 with a federal labor lawsuit, but this type of claim is not covered by the DSA agreement.

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47 4) **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Morabe

- 48 a) Addendum F
49 i) Discussed in closed session.

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51 5) **SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** McCurdy

- 52 a) UBS Update

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- 1 i) The DSA investment accounts through UBS Financial are up to \$8.5 million. The accounts
2 are up 2.86% year to date.
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4 **6) COMMITTEE REPORT**

5 a) **FINANCE/BUDGET:** McCurdy

- 6 i) No report.

7 b) **PORAC:** Morabe

- 8 i) Board meeting update

- 9 (1) Morabe attended the PORAC Board of Directors meeting. The following 2020 ballot
10 initiatives were reviewed:

- 11 (a) Proposition 20 is aimed at correcting language from previous propositions.
12 (b) Proposition 25 is related to SB 10 and overturns no-cash bail.
13 (c) PORAC opposed SB 731 and SB 776 and a mass email was sent out to the
14 membership to automatically send an email to legislators for members who fill out the
15 form.
16 (d) Concerns regarding decertification were also discussed.
17 (i) Castillo addressed the decertification process and how California is one of only a
18 few states that does not currently have a process in place. There are discussions
19 with POST on how this would work and be handled logistically. There is also
20 legislation on peace officers going through psychological evaluations.

- 21 (2) Regional meeting

- 22 (a) Fred Rowbotham, the current LDF trustee for the region, will be doing an interview
23 with the board on September 10th. Morabe advised she would like to give careful
24 consideration on who the DSA decides to support. Morabe stated that Rowbotham
25 was a key factor in ensuring the DSA received back coverage for LDF when the DSA
26 rejoined.

27 c) **POLITICAL ACTION:** Leonhardi

- 28 i) Legislative update:

- 29 (1) Leonhardi advised of his meetings surrounding SB 731 and the work they have done to
30 get the bill rejected. The DSA circulated a petition for signatures to send an email to
31 legislators against SB 731. Currently, the DSA has obtained 2,500 signatures.
32 (2) Fifita asked if the Sheriff would be addressing the bill. Leonhardi stated he was unaware
33 if the Sheriff had received any requests for comment.
34 (3) Leonhardi also advised of his and John Wainio's effort to raise money for independent
35 expenditures for the Supervisor District races.

- 36 ii) PAC meeting update

- 37 (1) PORAC \$10,000 request

- 38 (a) PORAC requested \$10,000 for an independent expenditure for District Attorney
39 candidate Jackie Lacey. The PAC did not recommend spending the money.

- 40 (2) Recommendation for \$25,000 in independent expenditures for the 59th Assembly District
41 to spend against incumbent Reggie Jones Sawyer, the current chair of the Public Safety
42 Committee.
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44 MOTION/Gardenhire, SECOND/Shawcroft to approve \$25,000 to create an independent
45 expenditure for the 59th Assembly District. Motion unanimously carries.
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- 47 (3) Lobbyist Darryl Lucien presented on statewide legislation.

- 48 (a) Darryl Lucien is an experienced law enforcement lobbyist in Sacramento,
49 representing LAPPL, SFPOA, and San Jose POA. Darryl has joined the DSA's public
50 affairs team, providing additional expertise and focus to our efforts to defeat bad
51 legislation coming out of Sacramento.

- 52 (b) Lucien addressed a bill regarding less-lethal by Lorena Gonzalez that is headed to
53 the governor's desk that the DSA should be aware of.

- 54 (c) Morabe asked why Lucien recommends getting involved in the Reggie Jones Sawyer
55 race but not the LA DA race. Lucien explained that the major threats that law

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enforcement faces are coming from legislators at the statewide level and those are the races the DSA should focus attention on.

iii) Endorsement requests

(1) David Druker, Del Mar City Council candidate

(a) Druker was interviewed by the PAC which recommended endorsement.

MOTION/McCurdy, SECOND/Shawcroft to endorse David Druker for Del Mar City Council. Motion unanimously carries.

(2) Tracy Martinez, Del Mar City Council candidate

(a) Martinez was interviewed by the PAC which recommended endorsement.

MOTION/Castillo, SECOND/Shawcroft to endorse Tracy Martinez for Del Mar City Council. Motion unanimously carries.

(3) Dan Quirk, Del Mar City Council candidate

(a) Quirk was interviewed by the PAC which recommended endorsement.

MOTION/Shawcroft, SECOND/McCurdy to endorse Dan Quirk for Del Mar City Council. Motion unanimously carries.

d) **NEGOTIATIONS:** Castillo

i) No report.

e) **MEMBER EVENTS:** Rinder

i) The second DSA Pizza Night will be hosted Friday, August 28th at the DSA.

f) **MEMBERSHIP:** Gardenhire

i) No report.

g) **DONATIONS:** Fifita

i) No report.

h) **BYLAWS/STANDING RULES:** Morabe

i) No report.

i) **MEET & DISCUSS/CONFER:** Morabe

i) No report.

j) **INSURANCE:** McCurdy

i) No report.

k) **PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL:** Leonhardi

i) No report.

l) **LEGAL DEFENSE:** Castillo

i) No report.

m) **SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:** Rinder

i) No report.

7) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a) Electronic voting – Shawcroft

i) Shawcroft spoke with SDPOA President Schaffer regarding their NEP system they use for electronic voting. Shawcroft will be meeting with NEP next week and will report back.

8) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) No report.

9) **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

a) No report.

10) **ADJOURNED 3:05 P.M.**