

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 November 11, 2021 at
2 5:31 p.m.

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4 **ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:**

5 **Present:** Benjamin, Castillo, Garcia, Lewis, McCurdy, Leonhardi, Sanders, Shawcroft, Rinder

6 **Absent:**

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8 Upon motion by Castillo, Second by Lewis, and passed by unanimous vote, the November 11, 2021
9 meeting of the Board of Directors entered into closed session at 2:30 p.m. for confidential
10 communications to include Rachel Parrott and Fern Steiner.

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12 1) **DISCUSSION:**

- 13 a) Legal Case
14 b) DSA Staff

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16 MOTION/Lewis, SECOND/Garcia to come out of closed session at 3:30 p.m.

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18 Lewis left at 4:43 p.m.

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20 The Executive Meeting of the Board of Directors was recessed at 5:01 p.m. and President Leonhardi
21 called the General Membership meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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23 **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

24 Virtual: Ben Nazerian, Wes Hatfield, Jake Klepach, Teri Hartley, Marshall Abbott, Lisa Harris (Retired)
25 In-Person: Ken Newsom (Poway), Mike O'Deane (Juvenile Courts), Mark Bryan (CSB Field EC), Mirelle
26 Chanteigne (LCDF), Brian Lopez (GBDF), Daniel Valencia (East Mesa), Hank Turner (Court
27 Services/Labor Relations), Spencer Hildreth (4S Ranch)

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29 2) **APPEARANCES:**

- 30 a) 2:00 p.m. – District Attorney Summer Stephan
31 i) District Attorney Summer Stephan attended the board meeting to discuss her upcoming
32 campaign, current practices at the District Attorneys' office, and other issues relevant to
33 public safety in San Diego County.
34 b) 2:30 p.m. – Legal Defense/Brad Fields
35 i) Discussed in closed session.
36 c) 4:00 p.m. – Labor Relations
37 i) Commander Turner came to the DSA board meeting to discuss the current meet-and-discuss
38 process with the department and DSA regarding COVID vaccination or testing options for the
39 law enforcement bureau.
40 ii) President Leonhardi discussed the potential for truthfulness issues to arise in the instances of
41 forged vaccination cards or not providing vaccination status if they are vaccinated, for
42 example.
43 iii) For the law enforcement bureau COVID testing, rapid nasal tests will be administered and
44 then a picture will be taken and uploaded to verify negative test results. Commander Turner
45 advised that the department doesn't yet have an implementation date, as they are waiting for
46 the completion of the DSA meet-and-confer process.
47 iv) Deputies will have to use their own sick time if they are placed off duty due to a positive
48 COVID test.

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50 3) **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 51 a) Minutes from October 28, 2021
52 b) Retirements
53 i) Randy Chase – 26 years of class 1 membership - \$6,300

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- ii) Paul Lachappell – 21 years of class 1 membership (31 combined) - \$5,500
- iii) Jesus Denogean – 21 years of class 1 membership (20 combined) - \$4,600
- iv) Albert De La Cruz – 14 years of class 1 membership - \$2,800
- c) Director Expenses
- d) DSA Financial Report

MOTION/Sanders, SECOND/Castillo to approve the consent calendar. Motion unanimously carries.

4) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Leonhardi

- a) Director Swearing-In
 - i) Marlon McCurdy was sworn in as a director.
- b) Luncheon with the Sheriff
 - i) The DSA will meet with Sheriff's command on Monday, December 13.
- c) Staff Management
 - i) Discussed in closed session.
- d) Meet and Discuss
 - i) Leonhardi addressed that the DSA had a meet-and-discuss with the department regarding COVID testing in the law enforcement and court service bureaus. The DSA will be scheduling a meet-and-confer with the County of San Diego.

5) **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Castillo

- a) No report.

6) **SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** Benjamin

- a) UBS Update
 - i) As of November 10, 2021, the UBS investment account is at \$10,976,368.41 and is up 13.25% year to date.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- a) **FINANCE/BUDGET:** Benjamin
 - i) No report.
- b) **PORAC:** Garcia
 - i) No report.
- c) **POLITICAL ACTION:** Leonhardi
 - i) PAC Meeting Recap
 - (1) Ronn Hall is a current city council member in the City of Santee and is running for reelection in 2022.

MOTION/Sanders, SECOND/Benjamin to endorse Ronn Hall for city council in the City of Santee.

- (2) Ken Newsom, candidate for the 2022 Sheriff election, was interviewed by the DSA political action committee.
- (3) Summer Stephan is the current San Diego County District Attorney and is running for reelection in 2022.

MOTION/Benjamin, SECOND/Castillo to endorse Summer Stephan for San Diego County District Attorney 2022.

- ii) 2022 Sheriff Endorsement
 - (1) The board discussed the current candidates for Sheriff and the endorsement of a candidate as the next Sheriff of San Diego County.

MOTION/Rinder, SECOND/Castillo to endorse Kelly Martinez for Sheriff 2022. Motion unanimously carries.

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2 iii) PAC Donations – Lucien

3 (1) Scott Wilk 21st Senate District

- 4 (a) Lucien recommends a \$1,500 contribution to Scott Wilk's reelection efforts. Wilk is
5 the current Republican Senate leader.

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7 MOTION/Castillo, SECOND/Rinder to approve \$1,500 to Scott Wilk for Senate.
8 Motion unanimously carries.

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10 (2) Brian Jones 38th Senate District

- 11 (a) Wainio recommends a \$1,000 contribution to Brian Jones's reelection efforts.

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13 MOTION/Benjamin, SECOND/Garcia to approve \$1,000 to Brian Jones for Senate.
14 Motion unanimously carries.

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16 (3) Mike Gipson 64th Assembly District

- 17 (a) Lucien recommends a \$4,500 contribution to Mike Gipson's reelection efforts. Gipson
18 is a former law enforcement officer who has supported law enforcement in the
19 assembly.

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21 MOTION/McCurdy, SECOND/Rinder to approve \$4,500 to Mike Gipson for
22 Assembly. Motion carries.

23 AYES: Rinder, Sanders, Castillo, Garcia, Shawcroft, McCurdy
24 NOES: Benjamin

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26 d) **NEGOTIATIONS:** Castillo

- 27 i) No report.

28 e) **MEMBER EVENTS:** Rinder/Lewis

- 29 i) Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, December 4
30 ii) Dinner Dance - June 11 on the USS Midway

31 f) **MEMBERSHIP:** Garcia

- 32 i) No report.

33 g) **DONATIONS:** Sanders

- 34 i) San Diego Law Enforcement Charity Golf

- 35 (1) The event is supported by Star Pal and the board discussed sponsoring at the sergeant
36 level for \$500.

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38 MOTION/Sanders, SECOND/Garcia to approve \$500 for the San Diego Law Enforcement
39 Charity Golf Tournament. Motion unanimously carries.

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41 ii) SEBA Shop with a Cop

- 42 (1) No action taken.

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

- 44 i) No report.

45 i) **MEET & DISCUSS/CONFER:** Castillo/Leonhardi

- 46 i) No report.

47 j) **INSURANCE:** Sanders

- 48 i) No report.

49 k) **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Lewis

- 50 i) No report.

51 l) **PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL:** Benjamin

- 52 i) No report.

53 m) **LEGAL DEFENSE:** Castillo

- 54 i) No report.

55 n) **SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:** Rinder

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1 i) No report.
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3 **8) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4 a) Electronic Voting

5 i) The board discussed the standing rule language surrounding electronic voting and the
6 misconception that the next board election will be held electronically. The board will first
7 conduct a survey or mock vote utilizing iQue's electronic voting feature in early 2022 to
8 ensure the platform is tested prior to utilizing it for a director election.

9 ii) The DSA currently has just 117 members signed up for the iQue member benefits portal.

10 iii) For 2021 year-end tax statements, members will have to log in to the iQue portal to access,
11 download, and print their year-end tax statements. The DSA will notify members when those
12 are available on the iQue portal.

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14 **9) NEW BUSINESS**

15 a) No report.

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17 **10) GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

18 a) Director nomination petitions are due by Friday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.

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20 **11) ADJOURNED 6:15 P.M.**