



SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 4, 2026

A meeting of the Safety & Security Committee was held on March 4, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by the Environmental Health & Safety, Risk Management Manager, Derrick Johnson.

Members Present: Derrick Johnson, Sarah Adams, Michael Finton, Valerie White, Chris Moore, David Miller, Tamara Holthaus, Robert Sedillo, Andrew Mertig, Manish Gupta, Julie Lanthier Bandy, Kimberlee Ahinger, Michael Obermiller, Tom Medel, Francis Asio, Keri McNamara, Ryan Williams, Monica Diego Schmidt

Members Absent: Dan Lynds, Wendy Corbin, Ann Jensen, Veronica Sadowski, Dashiell Penning

Guests: None

Recorder(s): Allison Tyra and Victoria de la Torre

Welcome: New member Dashiell Penning, ASG Senator

Approval of Minutes:

1. The minutes from February 4, 2025, were approved. Minutes are posted on the Palomar College website: [Current – Safety and Security Committee \(palomar.edu\)](#)

Discussion/Information Items:

1. Workers' Compensation: No report.
2. Campus Police: One of Palomar College's Police Officers was involved in a shooting with the Sheriff's office on February 18, 2026. Soon, the Sheriff's department will be releasing a video of the incident. This is the first in the history of the Palomar College Police department. More information will be released soon.
3. Risk Management (de la Torre)
 - a. District P&L Claims – February 2026 (0).
 - b. SWACC Report – All departments needing corrections have been contacted and advised to have corrections completed by April 3, 2026.
 - c. COVID-19 – Palomar's COVID-19 Resources website was removed from the Palomar website effective 2/28/2026.
4. Health Services:
 - a. Student Health urgent visits
 - i. In the month of February = No student visits.
 - b. Behavioral Health urgent visits
 - i. In the month of February = 6 urgent student visits, all treated at the Center.
5. Associated Student Government: No report
6. Environmental Health & Safety:
 - a. Technician report for February will be delivered at the next meeting.

- b. EH&S/RM coordinated a Lockdown Drill on February 11, 2026. Feedback was received from staff. There was a delay in some of the messaging via InformaCast alert system possibly due to heavy “traffic” in the process. Alerts in English and Spanish may cause delays in the system. There is also an opportunity for improvement with outdoor speakers outside of larger buildings and inside of the Student Union.

7. Other Items:

- a. Emergency speakers at RBEC and Escondido update – Two emergency speakers have been added at RBEC and four speakers added at the Escondido Center. Testing and problem solving will continue to improve connectivity.
- b. Body worn cameras – Campus Police are revisiting wearing body cameras. This best practice is being researched, reviewed, and vetted through Administration. Budget cost may be approximately \$115,00 including all data support.

8. **Safety Concerns:**

- a. Notifications inside Student Union – currently there is a small IP display unit with a small speaker. This is not efficient for a room the size of the Student Union. The capability currently exists to add multiple speakers. This initiative will be brought forward to constituent groups for approval and funding.
- b. Internet campus-wide is being assessed by Information Services and improvements are being pushed out. More information is coming soon.
- c. Hazardous Material report from Kennan and Associates was recently received. More emails regarding violations and remedies will be distributed to the corresponding departments soon.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Reminder: Next meeting will be scheduled on April 1, 2026