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Compton CCD Board of Trustees to Hold Public Hearing on Military Equipment Use Policy

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to consider the adoption of a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Compton College District Police Department, in accordance with California Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481).

[AB 481](#), signed into law in 2021, requires California law enforcement agencies — including community college police departments — to obtain governing board approval before acquiring, funding, or using certain types of equipment defined in statute as “military equipment.” The law also requires governing boards to approve the continued use of applicable equipment acquired prior to January 1, 2022.

The April 20, 2026 public hearing will provide an opportunity for community members to review the proposed policy and offer public comment before the Board of Trustees considers formal action.

Under AB 481, a governing body may approve a military equipment use policy only if it determines that:

- The equipment is necessary because no reasonable alternative exists to achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety;
- The policy safeguards the public’s welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties;
- Any proposed purchase is reasonably cost-effective compared to available alternatives; and
- Prior use of applicable equipment complied with policy requirements, or corrective action has been taken to ensure future compliance.

The Compton College District Police Department currently possesses equipment that meets the statutory definition of military equipment, including items acquired prior to January 1, 2022. While inventories have been presented to the Board in prior years, a formal military equipment use policy has not yet been adopted in accordance with AB 481. On March 16, 2026, the Board

of Trustees approved a Resolution outlining steps the District will take to meet the requirements of AB 481.

In advance of the April 20 public hearing, the proposed Military Equipment Use Policy will be made available on the Compton College website at least 30 days prior to the meeting, as required by law. If a military equipment use policy is approved, AB 481 also requires the Police Department to submit an annual military equipment report to the Board of Trustees for ongoing public transparency and oversight.

The public hearing will take place during the regular meeting of the Compton CCD Board of Trustees on April 20, 2026 in the Board Room, located in the Administration Building at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. Open session begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be an informational presentation regarding AB 481, and opportunity for public comment.

The proposed policy and additional information are available at <https://www.compton.edu/campus-safety/AB-481-compliance.aspx>.

The Board Agenda will be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the BoardDocs website under the “Meetings” tab at: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

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About the Compton Community College District

Board meetings are usually held the third Monday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.