



MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025, 6:00 PM

The Public Safety and Community Relations Board Monthly Meeting at 6:00 PM, December 10, 2025. Board Chair Rachel McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Arthur Taylor	Board Member	Present
Sean Murphy	Board Member	Present
Ashley Farmer	Board Member	Present
Rachel McFarland	Board Chair	Present
Yvett Hernandez	Board Member	Absent
William Bennett	Board Member	Absent
Tylian Smith	Vice Board Chair	Present
Giselle Lee	Board Member	Present
Nitin Aurora	Board Member	Present
Michael Hurt	Staff Liaison	Present

Public Comment

Sabrina Williams and She’lina Williams spoke in person.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2025, Regular Session Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting

Chairperson McFarland asked for corrections to show that Board Member Aurora was present at the October 2025 meeting and that words “I’m sorry” be removed from the minutes. Board Member Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections: Seconded by Board Member Taylor, to approve the item as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Item 5. A. Consideration and Action on Complaint No. 2025-R-1, requesting Public Safety Community Relations Board review of the complaint investigation process. (Recommended motion: That the Board find that the Police followed proper procedure in investigating the complaint.)

Assistant Chief Wamsley stated that he reviewed the videos submitted by the complainant and they were the same videos the police had used in making their determination in the case. Chief Wamsley also submitted the findings of the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) to the State's Attorney's office for review. The State's Attorney's office determined that no charges to be filed as insufficient evidence exists to prevail on criminal charges against this individual who is the subject of Ms. Williams complaint. The Public Service Community Relations Board does not reinvestigate facts of the case. Our charge is to determine whether the police followed their policy and procedures during the investigation of the complaint. Also, the "challenge to fight" ordinance violations that were issued to the individuals involved have been dropped. Assistant Chief Wamsley further stated that no significant discoveries had come forward that would amend the original findings of the BPD in this case. Mr. Taylor moved that the Board find that the BPD followed proper procedure in investigating the complaint. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Additionally, the board recommended that providing an explanation of police discretion to the public be part of the training that officers discretion is discussed in training. Mr. Taylor made a motion that officers are trained to provide the public with an explanation of officer's discretion and how it works; seconded by Mr. Murphy. All if favor. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on an update of complaints received.

Asst. Chief Wamsley stated that to date, there have been 28 complaints in 2025, with six pending complaints and one suspended through a civil case. In November 2024, we had 6323 calls for service. In November 2025 we had 6419 for a total of 96 more calls for service this November than last November.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on taser report.

Asst. Chief Wamsley reported that there were five incidents of taser deployment during the month of November. Four deployments were on black males and one on a white male.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Presentation on personnel training and continued education by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD).

Currently there are 125 out of 133 officers on duty. We have 4 that will graduate next Friday from the Academy. Only two officers will be in this next recruiting class that will start on December 22nd. Four laterals are going to be tested on Monday. Detective Tim Marble retired last Friday on the 5th and School resource officer Bill McGonigal retired. Three officers are out on injury; one awaiting a disability hearing and one out on a long-term military leave.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. Presentation on recruitment statistics by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD).

Two officers will join the BPD from this next recruiting class and will start with our department on December 22nd. We have 4 laterals that we are going to test on Monday.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.H. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on general department updates.

Asst. Chief Wamsley provided an update on the use of the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR). Assisted Peru, IL to apprehend an organized counterfeiter. ALPR placed their vehicle in Bloomington normal several times. After making a large fraud purchase in a big box store, he was arrested in the parking lot. February 11th, ALPR assisted in arresting a road rage suspect; April 25th, ALPR assisted in apprehending a suspect who attempted to steal a vehicle while on a test drive; ALPR also assisted in locating a homicide suspect.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.I. Discussion on potential future agenda topics.

For the benefit of the new board members and as a general reminder to the public, Asst. Chief Wamsley will review the FLOCK system and how it works and how its information is shared.

Also, the Bloomington Police Department is using new survey tools provided by two companies. Axon and Blockwise are the two companies. These tools gather information from our 911 calls by asking questions or sending a text message to the victims. 92% of the people that respond on this survey say that they have a positive view of our agency: 99% state they were treated with respect, 94% felt they were treated fairly.

Item 6.I. Discussion on moving to quarterly meeting.

The board has observed that the information provided each month by Chief Walmsley doesn't change much and there are no frequent issues that rise to the level of needing public discussion or create the impetus to generate a robust quarterly meeting with the public.

At times it has been difficult to get a quorum. Board members are all volunteers so moving the meetings to a 6:00 start time would help. That would also allow more people to be here to have those discussions. Our youth members are students and have difficulty making a 3:30 meeting due to class schedules.

Some of the arguments against the change is that as a duty to the community, this board was put in place to be available to the community to hold regular meetings to allow a forum for the public to discuss any issues regarding the police policies and procedures that need to be changed. Perhaps the city could post upcoming meetings on their Facebook page or other social media that would make residents more aware of the PSCRB and raise our public profile in the city.

The conversation is tabled until the subject can be presented for public comment at the next quarterly meeting. Mr. Taylor made a motion to table this agenda item of moving from monthly to quarterly meetings, until the next PSCRB quarterly meeting on March 25, 2026; Seconded by board member Farmer. All in favor. The motion passed.

New Business

None

Adjournment

January 28, 2026, is the next meeting at 3:30 pm. Board Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to adjourn the meeting.

Board Chair McFarland called roll: All in favor. Motion carried.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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Michael Hurt, Staff Liaison