



Public Safety & Community Relations Board - Regular Session Agenda
Government Center Boardroom, 4th Floor, Room #400
115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 - 3:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person may register at cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

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

- A. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2026, Regular Public Safety Community Relations Board Meeting.** (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

5. Regular Agenda

- A. **Nomination and Action to Appoint a Chairperson for the Public Safety Community Relations Board.** (Recommended Motion: The Board nominate and vote to approve a Chairperson.)
- B. **Nomination and Action to Appoint a Vice Chairperson for the Public Safety Community Relations Board.** (Recommended Motion: The Board nominate and vote to approve a Vice Chairperson.)
- C. **Consideration and Action on Complaint No. 2026-R-04, requesting Public Safety & Community Relations Board review of the Complaint investigation process.** (Recommended Motion: The board find that the Bloomington Police department followed proper procedures in investigating the Complaint.)
- D. **Presentation by the Bloomington Police Department Regarding Complaint Updates, Taser Report, and Department Updates.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.)
- E. **Distribution to Board Members of resolved Complaints for informational review by the Board.** (Recommended Motion: None; Distribution for Informational Purposes Only.)

6. New Business

7. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities planning to attend the meeting who require reasonable accommodations to observe and/or participate, or who have questions about the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 309-434-2468 or mhurt@cityblm.org.



**Minutes
Public Safety & Community Relations Board - Regular Session
Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

The Public Safety & Community Relations Board convened in Regular Session in the Government Center Boardroom at 3:30 PM. Chair Rachel McFarland called the meeting to order.

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	Present
Tylian Smith	Vice Board Chair	Absent
Giselle Lee	Board Member	Absent
Ricardo Alvarado	Board Member	Absent
Gregory Wilson	Staff Liaison	Present

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

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Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of February 28, 2024, Regular Public Safety Community Relations Board Meeting.

Board Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to approve the minutes as presented.

The Board Chair called roll:

Ayes: Taylor, Murphy, Farmer, McFarland, Hernandez

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Item 4.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of March 25, 2026, Regular Public Safety Community Relations Board Meeting.

Board Member Farmer made a motion, seconded by Board Member Taylor, to approve the minutes as presented.

The Board Chair called roll:

Ayes: Taylor, Murphy, Farmer, McFarland, Hernandez

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Item 5.A. Presentation with City Manager Jeff Jurgens on the Role of the Public Safety Community Relations Board in Complaint Reviews and Background on its Formation.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens provided an overview of the role of the Public Safety Community Relations Board (PSCRB) in relation to citizen complaints. He clarified that complaints may be filed by citizens regarding a police officer's actions or departmental policies, and that the Board's role is to review whether established policies were followed in the investigation of the complaint.

Board Member Taylor shared historical context regarding the formation and evolution of the PSCRB, noting that there had been tension between the Board and the Police Department in the past. He stated that the relationship has since improved and is currently positive.

City Manager Jurgens expressed that he has been particularly impressed with the Board's current approach to reviewing complaints, noting that consistent review allows the Board to identify potential patterns or trends.

Board Member Ashley Farmer requested clarification on the policies and procedures applied to each complaint. City Manager Jurgens responded that, by law, the Board is not permitted to receive testimony.

Board Member Rachel McFarland acknowledged the importance of understanding the Board's proper function within those legal parameters.

Item 5.B. Presentation by the Bloomington Police Department Regarding Complaint Updates, Taser Report, and Department Updates

Assistant Chief Wamsley reported that as of February 28, 2026, a total of 11 complaints had been received, with two currently pending and requesting review by the PSCRB. He noted that one additional complaint will be submitted to the Board. He also provided a comparison of calls for service, stating that there were 5,568 calls in March 2025 and 5,824 in March 2026, reflecting an increase of 256 calls.

Assistant Chief Wamsley further reported that there were 21 use-of-force incidents in March, which included both actual uses of force and displays of force. Of these, there were 10 taser-related incidents, with five involving deployment and five involving display.

In terms of staffing, he stated that the Bloomington Police Department currently has 124 of its 133 allotted officers on duty. He noted that two officers are currently in the academy and are expected to graduate on Friday, and two additional officers are scheduled to be hired on Monday. He also reported that five officers are out due to injury and one is on military leave.

Assistant Chief Wamsley provided an update on the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system and related camera technology, highlighting its effectiveness in locating suspects, recovering stolen license plates, assisting during a shooting investigation, and identifying a hit-

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and-run suspect. He also noted the use of camera feed by the Bloomington Housing Authority in identifying suspects.

Assistant Chief Wamsley distributed 8 complaints from 2025 for informational review by the Board.

Item 5.C. Consideration and Action on adopting a new Updated Public Safety Community Relations Brochure.

Board Member Taylor presented an updated Public Safety Community Relations Board (PSCRB) brochure and reviewed its contents with the Board. He requested that members review the document and provide feedback.

Board Member Taylor noted that the brochure will require approval from the City Council and recommended that the item be placed on a future City Council agenda for consideration. Board members agreed to move forward with placing on the City council agenda for consideration.

Board Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to have the brochure placed on the City Council agenda.

The Board chair called roll:

Ayes: Taylor, Murphy, Farmer, McFarland, Hernandez

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business

Adjournment

Commissioner Murphy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to adjourn the meeting.

The Board chair called roll:

AYES: Taylor; Murphy; Farmer; McFarland; Hernandez

Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date

May 27, 2026

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

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ATTEST

Rachel McFarland, Board Chair

Gregory Wilson, Staff Liaison