



**Public Safety & Community Relations Board - Quarterly Sessions Agenda**  
**Government Center Boardroom, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room #400**  
**115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 6:00 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](mailto: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](http://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 June 10, 2026 Special Session Public Safety Community Relations Board Meeting.** (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

**5. Regular Agenda**

- A. **Presentation by the Bloomington Police Department Regarding Complaint Updates, Taser Report, and Department Updates.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.)

**6. New Business**

- A. **Presentation on Flock Safety's Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras by Jack McQueen.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation Only.)
- B. **Opportunity for the public to voice concerns and to provide recommendations for improving interactions between the Police Department and the community., as requested by the Human Resources Department.** (Recommended Motion: None; Presentation and discussion only.)

**7. Adjournment**

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**Minutes  
Public Safety & Community Relations Board - Special Session  
Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

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

**Roll Call**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	Present
Leslie Yocum	Back-Up 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 the April 22, 2026, Regular Public Safety Community Relations Board Meeting.**

**Board Member Farmer 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, Alvarado

**Nays:** None.

**Motion carried.**

**New Business**

**Regular Agenda**

**Item 6.A. Nomination and Action to Appoint a Chairperson for the Public Safety Community Relations Board.**

Ms. Farmer nominated Board Member Arthur Taylor to serve as Chairperson.

**Board Member Farmer made a motion, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to approve the item as presented.**

**The Board Chair called roll:**

**Ayes:** Taylor, Murphy, Farmer, McFarland, Hernandez, Alvarado

**Nays:** None.

**Motion carried.**

**Item 6.B. Nomination and Action to Appoint a Vice Chairperson for the Public Safety Community Relations Board.**

Ms. Farmer nominated Board Member Sean Murphy to serve as Vice Chairperson.

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

**The Board Chair called roll:**

**Ayes:** Taylor, Murphy, Farmer, McFarland, Hernandez, Alvarado

**Nays:** None.

**Motion carried.**

**Item 6.C. Consideration and Action on Complaint No. 2026-R-04, requesting Public Safety & Community Relations Board review of the Complaint investigation process.**

Board Member Farmer inquired whether officers keep their body cameras activated while collecting evidence. Assistant Chief Wamsley stated that officers do keep their body cameras on during the evidence collection process.

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

**The Board Chair called roll:**

**Ayes:** Taylor, Murphy, Farmer, McFarland, Hernandez, Alvarado

**Nays:** None.

**Motion carried.**

**Item 6.D. Presentation by the Bloomington Police Department Regarding Complaint Updates, Taser Report, and Department Updates.**

Assistant Chief Wamsley reported that 12 complaints have been submitted in 2026, with three complaints currently pending. He noted that, following complaint 2026-R-04, there are no additional complaints requesting review by the Public Safety & Community Relations Board.

Assistant Chief Wamsley stated that there were 7,415 calls for service in April 2025 compared to 7,759 calls for service in April 2026. There were 15 incidents during April 2026 in which force was used or displayed, with five of those incidents involving two or more officers.

Additionally, there were 10 Taser-related incidents during the month, including four deployments and six displays.

Regarding staffing, Assistant Chief Wamsley reported that the department currently has 126 sworn officers out of an authorized strength of 133. Background investigations have recently been completed for two lateral officer candidates, and the department continues to conduct interviews for additional officers. He also noted that four officers are currently out due to injuries.

Assistant Chief Wamsley highlighted several recent uses of technology in criminal investigations. Automated License Plate Readers and public safety cameras were utilized to identify a suspect vehicle after reports of a man approaching multiple school parking lots. The department also assisted authorities in Missouri in locating subjects involved in a casino robbery. In addition, officers recovered three stolen vehicles and identified a suspect involved in a retail theft.

Board Member Taylor inquired whether there had been any concerns or allegations regarding misuse of the Automated License Plate Reader system. Assistant Chief Wamsley stated that he was not aware of any such concerns and noted that Jack McQueen would attend the next meeting and be available to address any questions related to the technology.

#### **Item 6.E. Distribution to Board Members of resolved Complaints for informational review by the Board.**

Board members reviewed the complaints provided. Board Member Farmer asked whether the Bloomington and Normal Police Departments have interoperable radio systems that allow the agencies to assist one another. She further inquired about the extent to which a Bloomington officer could assist with a traffic violation occurring in Normal. Assistant Chief Wamsley stated that Bloomington officers are able to conduct traffic stops in such situations and noted that the two departments operate under a mutual aid agreement.

#### **Adjournment**

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

**The Board chair called roll:**

**AYES:** Taylor; Murphy; Farmer; McFarland; Hernandez; Alvarado

**Motion passed.**

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

June 24, 2026

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM.

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**ATTEST**

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Rachel McFarland, Board Chair

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Gregory Wilson, Staff Liaison