



MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD - REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024, 3:30 PM

The Public Safety and Community Relations Board convened in regular session at 3:30 PM, July 24, 2024. Board Chairperson McFarland called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ashley Farmer	Board Member	Present
Arthur Taylor	Board Member	Present
Surena Fish	Board Member	Present
William Bennett	Board Member	Present
Rachel McFarland	Board Chairperson	Present
Tylian Smith	Board Vice Chairperson	Absent
Sean Murphy	Board Member	Present

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.

None.

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 on a Proposed New Quarterly Meeting Date, Time, and/or Location.

Board Member Farmer made a motion, seconded by Board Member Taylor, to approve the item as presented Consideration and Action on a Proposed New Quarterly Meeting Date, Time, and/or Location. Board Chair McFarland conducted roll call:

AYES: Farmer; Bennett; Fish; McFarland; Taylor; Murphy

Motion passed.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Regular Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting.

Board Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Board Member Fish, to approve the item as presented

Board Chair McFarland conducted roll call:

AYES: Farmer; Bennett; Fish; McFarland; Taylor; Murphy

Motion passed.

The following item was presented:

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

17 complaints have been submitted for 2024. 4 have been withdrawn. 0 pending complaints for PSCRB review. Complaints involve: dissatisfaction with service; unlawful search and seizure; discrimination; disparaging remarks; unlawful use of force, etc.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Presentation by the Bloomington Police Department on the taser use report

Taser report: 8 incidents involving a taser. Taser deployment on a Black male fleeing officers.

Taser deployment on a black male with warrants fleeing officers.

The following item was presented:

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

There was no information to provide.

The following item was presented:

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

There are a total of 128 officers. 124 officers are currently working. There are 2 officers in police academy that will graduate on August 23rd. 5 new recruits are set to start the academy on September 23rd.

The following item was presented:

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

ALPR Report: Placed near Sunnyside Public Housing in response to a recent gun incident ALPR provided information on an second shooting shortly after the unit was installed and arrest documentation in progress for that suspect; ALPR used to locate vehicle in a missing juvenile case; Used to find multiple suspects in an organized retail theft ring in Bloomington, Normal; ALPR used to locate the vehicle of an out of state suspect in several batter cases; ALPR located stolen vehicle in Southwest Bloomington. Vehicle returned to its owner the same day.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.G. Consideration and action on future meeting dates, times, location, and topics

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD - REGULAR SESSION- quest to council and police administration: PSCRB requesting a review of their role after 7 years. What is the future of this board? Where do we go from here? Can the PSCRB add more value to the investigative process? Review the PSCRB in the City Code for discussion on how any of the above can take place. Schedule a public meeting in August that will be in addition to the regular August meeting to present among other things, opposing viewpoint presentations on the issue of cash bail. Ordinance revision stating that 2 of the board position "may" be held by high school youth members.

New Business

Adjournment

Board Member Murphy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting.

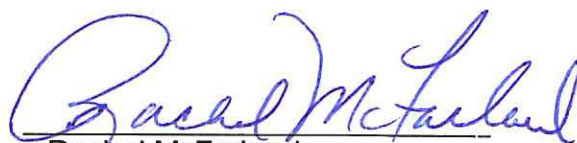
Board Chair McFarland conducted call roll:

AYES:

Motion passed.

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:28 PM.


Michael Hurt, Staff Liaison


Rachel McFarland
Board Chairperson

