



**PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 28, 2025 3:30 PM**

The Public Safety and Community Relations Board Combined Monthly Meeting at 3:30 PM, May 28, 2025. Board Member Ashley Farmer sitting in for Chair Rachel McFarland called the meeting to order at 3:34 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	Absent
Yvett Hernandez	Board Member	Present
William Bennett	Board Member	Present
Tylian Smith	Vice Board Chair	Present
Giselle Lee	Board Member	Absent
Michael Hurt	Staff Liaison	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.

No public comment was received.

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.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2025, Regular Session Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting.

Board Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Board Member Bennett , to approve the item as presented. **Board Member Farmer called roll: AYES:** Farmer; Taylor; Murphy; Smith; Hernandez, Bennett. **Motion passed.**

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Nomination and Action to Appoint a Chairperson for Public Safety Community Relations Board. (Recommended Motion: The Board nominate and vote to approve a Chairperson.) Mr. Taylor nominated Board Member Rachel McFarland to serve another term as Chairperson, seconded by Board Member Bennett. **Board Member Farmer called roll: AYES:** Farmer; Taylor; Murphy; Smith; Hernandez, Bennett. **Motion passed.**

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Nomination and Action to Appoint a Vice Chairperson for Public Safety Community Relations Board. (Recommended Motion: The Board nominate and vote to approve a Vice Chairperson.) Board member Bennett nominated Board Member Tylian Smith to serve another term as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Board Member Taylor. **Board Member Farmer called roll: AYES:** Farmer; Taylor; Murphy; Smith; Hernandez, Bennett. **Motion passed.**

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on an update of complaints received. Asst. Chief Wamsley stated to date there are nine complaints in 2025; Two pending; One remains from last year, still in the judicial process. There are 0 complaints for PSCRB review. Calls for service in April 2024. We had 6050. Calls for service in April 2025 6068. 18 more calls for service in April 2025 than April of 2024.

The following item was presented:

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

There were four incidents involving a Taser; three probe deployments and 1 display. 99.7% of the Calls for Service incidents in April 2025 were handled without the Officer having to use, show, or display any type of force.

The following item was presented:

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

There are 127/133 officers. Two officers are out on long military leave.

The following item was presented:

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

Two candidates will be going to the academy June 29, 2025; Three will be going to the September 2025 academy; Interviews are coming up for Lateral officers.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.H. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on general department updates. There are 127 out of 133 officers on duty.

The following item was presented:

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

Next meeting is June 25, 2025 is a quarterly meeting at 6pm. The Board wanted to Introduce the idea of holding a quarterly meeting without a police presence to allow residents to speak freely and set parameters for that meeting. Mr. Taylor will send out a general communication to go to stakeholders. Include on next agenda- the charge of the PSCRB, especially the complaint review process etc.

ALPR Updates:

Identified suspect vehicle in bank ICM burglary. Working with 4 other states to resolve this. BPD staff McQueen and Arnold did a presentation in Baltimore showing how we use our ALPR to solve crimes. ALPR located an attempted murder suspect in Bloomington. Assisted with vehicle thefts in Normal. Also assisted in 2 cases of credit card fraud by groups out of Chicago; Home invasion vehicle located with occupants; Solved 3 different hit and runs.

New Business

Item 6.A. PSCRB Combined Regular/Quarterly Meeting. *The following item was presented:*
There was no new business presented.

Adjournment

Board Member Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Board Member Bennett. Board Member Farmer called roll: AYES: Farmer; Taylor; Murphy; Smith; Hernandez; Bennett. Motion passed. The Meeting Adjourned at 4:32 PM.

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Rachel McFarland
Board Chairperson



Michael Hurt
Staff Liaison

