



MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD – REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025. 3:30 PM.

The Public Safety & Community Relations Board convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 3:30 pm on February 26, 2025. Chairperson McFarland called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ashley Farmer	Board Member	Present
William Bennett	Board Member	Present
Rachel McFarland	Board Chair	Present
Arthur Taylor	Board Member	Present
Tylian Smith	Board Member	Present
Sean Murphy	Board Member	Present
Yvett Hernandez	Youth Board Member	Present

Staff Advisors Present:

Michael Hurt, Staff Liaison; Chad Wamsley-Assistant Chief of Police.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

No items were considered.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2025 Regular Session Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Chairperson McFarland called for a motion to approve the Item as presented. Moved by Board Member Farmer. Seconded by Board Member Taylor.

Chairperson McFarland called roll:

AYES: Board Member Murphy, Board Member Taylor, Board Member Farmer, Board Member Bennett, Board Member Smith, and Chairperson McFarland

Motion carried.

Item 5.B. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on an update of complaints received. (Recommended Motion: None, presentation and discussion only.)

Asst. Chief Wamsley stated that the BPD has received only 2 complaints so far this year. He also reported that in January 2024 the BPD received 5576 calls for service. In January 2025 the BPD received 5483 calls for service. There were 0 complaints for PSCRB review. There were 12 incidents in January where the use of force was used or displayed. Of the calls received in January 2025, 99.7 did not involve any use of force.

Item 5.C. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on taser report. (Recommended Motion: None, Presentation only.)

Asst. Chief Wamsley reported there were six incidents involving the use of a taser. Three of these incidents were deployments and three were displays. The first deployment was on a black male who became physical with officers. The second deployment was on a black male who attempted to flee from officers. The subject also had a loaded handgun on his person. The third incident was on a white male who refused to leave a hospital and began fighting with officers.

Item 5.D. Presentation on personnel training and continued education by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD). (Recommended Motion: None, Presentation only.)

No discussion on personnel training.

Item 5.E. Presentation on recruitment statistics by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD). (Recommended Motion: None, Presentation only.)

There was no discussion on recruitment statistics.

Item 5.F. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on general department updates. (Recommended Motion: None, Presentation only.)

Asst. Chief Wamsley stated that the BPD currently has 131 out of 133 allotted officers for the Department. Two officers have resigned. One officer has relocated and the other resigned out of the academy. BPD is in the early stages of the promotional testing process to take place later this summer. BPD is proud to accept the Frontline Wellness Award

Asst. Chief Wamsley reported that the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) had assisted in the apprehension of a suspect in a violent road rage incident. Also, used ALPR to solve a hit-and-run accident within minutes of the occurrence.

Item 5.G. Consideration and action on future meeting meeting dates, times, location, and topics. (Recommended Motion: Next Regular/Quarterly meeting at 6:00 PM on March 26, 2025. Room 400. Government Center.)

Mr. Taylor will prepare and send out invites to the community to attend the Regular Quarterly meeting and asks that the board forward the invites to their friends. Discussion topics will include the recent police-involved shooting and fatal domestic violence incident.

Old Business

Chairperson McFarland reported on the City Council meeting she attended on February 10, 2025, where the council decided not to amend the PSCRB ordinance, but instead committed to assist in recruiting youth board members.

New Business

The Board reviewed BPD complaints that were not eligible for PSCRB review to look for patterns and/or trends in the complaints.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date

March 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Member Murphy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Taylor, to adjourn.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 PM.