



**MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES - REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, August 28, 1:00 PM.**

The Special Commission for Safe Communities convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 1:00 PM, on August 28, 2025. Chairperson Denton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Scott Denton	Commissioner	Present
Cathy Lust	Commissioner	Present
Elizabeth German	Commissioner	Present
Ryan Bertrand	Commissioner	Present
Robert Harris	Commissioner	Present
Kaitlyn Selman	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Crutcher	Commissioner	Present
Cierra Aiden	Commissioner	Present
Timothy Harris	Commissioner	Absent

Staff Advisors Present:

Aaron Veerman, Staff Liaison

Public Comment

One public comment was received via email from Josh Slaughter.

Approval of Minutes

The following item was presented:

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2025, Regular Special Commission for Safe Communities Meeting.

Commissioner German made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Selman, to approve the Item as presented.

Chairperson Denton directed the Staff Liaison to call roll:

AYES: Lust; German; Bertrand; R. Harris; Selman; Crutcher; Aiden

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation and discussion by the Bloomington Police Department on the current status of gun violence in the Bloomington-Normal area.

Staff Liaison Veerman shared there were two gunfire incidents in Bloomington since the last commission meeting.

- In the 1300 block of W. Chestnut, shots were fired, one round went into a home. There were no reports of injuries, and the home was likely not an intentional target.
- In the 2700 block of Clearwater, a domestic incident involving one female and two males resulted in one round being fired and one of the males receiving a non-fatal injury.
- There were no shootings in Normal during the same time frame.

Item 5.B. Presentation and discussion by the Commission regarding the current draft of the report to be presented to Council, as requested by the Police Department.

Commissioner Bertrand emailed out to the Commission the latest report updates the morning of the meeting. Additionally, he has added a couple graphs to it.

Commissioner Denton asked the commission for suggestions of what to name the report. Suggestions were offered by multiple commissioners.

Commissioners suggested the order in which different topics appear in the report. Commissioner Bertrand asked if anyone sees something they think should be changed to please let him know.

Commissioner Lust compiled a list of people who made presentations to the commission. She also mentioned she just received information regarding suicides related to gun violence the day prior to the meeting.

Commissioners discussed whether, following its presentation to Bloomington City Council, if they should consider taking the finished report "on a tour" to present the information at the county level and to smaller communities within McLean County that may find the information helpful.

New Business and Commission Member Comments

No new business was discussed or comments made unrelated to the report.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bertrand made a motion, seconded by Commissioner German, to adjourn.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The Meeting Adjourned at 2:11 PM.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



 Scott Denton, Chairperson

ATTEST



 Aaron Veerman, Staff Liaison