



MEETING

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:00 PM

The Public Safety and Community Relations Board Monthly Meeting at 6:00 PM, October 22, 2025. Board Chair Rachel McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:03 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	Present
Yvett Hernandez	Board Member	Absent
William Bennett	Board Member	Present
Tylian Smith	Vice Board Chair	Present
Giselle Lee	Board Member	Absent
Michael Hurt	Staff Liaison	Present

Public Comment

Percy Buckley spoke in person.

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

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2025, Regular Session Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting

Board Chair McFarland called roll:

AYES: Farmer; Taylor; Murphy; Smith, Bennett, Aurora, McFarland.

Motion passed.

Item 4.B. Resolution of completed complaint No. 2025-R-1 requesting PSCRB review of the complaint investigation process of the Bloomington Police Department.

Chairperson McFarland put up a Powerpoint slide that detailed the responsibilities of the PSCRB, to familiarize the public with the duties and limitations of the Board. She explained that the board does not have the authority to re-litigate outcomes from the court. Also. The Board only makes recommendations to the Bloomington Police Department where an issue is identified that runs contrary to policy.

Assistant Corporation Counsel George Boyle added that under the Open Meetings Act the PSCRB does not qualify as a public body that can hold executive sessions and there was no exception that applied to this body. For the sake of transparency, the goal is to have the meeting, discuss the issue and decide while in session.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

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

Asst. Chief Wamsley stated that to date, there have been 23 complaints in 2025, with three pending/ongoing investigations. One case is still suspended. We currently have no request for PSCRB review. Calls for service report September 2024 we had 6207, September 2025 we had 6236. There were 29 more calls for service this year than last year. There were 39 use of force incidents in September, where use of force was displayed. Eight of these incidents involve 2 or more officers. 99.5% of all calls for service in September were handled out any use or display of force.

The following item was presented:

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

Asst. Chief Wamsley reported that there were 15 incidents involving a Taser and. September. I'm sorry. Five of these incidents involved deployment, 10 of them were displays.

The following item was presented:

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

Asst. Chief Wamsley reported that there were 126 out of 133 officers active. The department is in the process right now of doing backgrounds on new hire applicants. *The following item was presented:*

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

Asst. Chief Wamsley reported that five candidates will go to the academy on January 4, 2026. More laterals will be tested in mid-November.

The following item was presented:

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

Asst. Chief Wamsley provided an update on the use of the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR), noting it assisted in locating suspect vehicles in five different organized retail theft cases originating out of Peoria. Also, assisted in locating reckless motorcycle drivers near Veterans Parkway.

New Business

Discussion of CARE for Victims report with Amy Endicott and Erika Larkin. Amy Endicott stated that the mission of the CARE for Victims organization is to improve the justice system. She stated that most people have never heard of rights or victims' rights and don't know how

to enforce them. Illinois' laws stipulate how and when these rights are to be made available to victims of crime, but she asserts that it is currently not happening in the city of Bloomington. Ms. Endicott said that the group has been collecting stories from victims within McLean County, who have told of numerous times they have experienced mistreatment, harassment and discrimination. We also gathered stories in the media in terms of reported abuses from law enforcement, members of the justice system, judges and states attorneys. She presented a list of suggestions for the city to adopt which would provide care for victims of crime.

Adjournment

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

Board Member McFarland called roll:

AYES: Farmer; Taylor; Murphy; Smith, Bennett, McFarland.

Motion passed.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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ATTEST

Rachel McFarland
Board Chairperson

Michael Hurt
Staff Liaison