



**MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES - REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1:00 PM.**

The Special Commission for Safe Communities convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 1:00 PM, on September 25, 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	Present

Staff Advisors Present:

Aaron Veerman, Staff Liaison

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Approval of Minutes

The following item was presented:

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2025, Regular Special Commission for Safe Communities Meeting.

Commissioner Bertrand 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; T. Harris

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 was one gunfire incident in Bloomington since the last commission meeting. It occurred on East Jefferson Street and involved an adult male. No injuries or property damage were reported as a result of this incident.

To date, there have been 16 shootings in Bloomington during 2025.

The following item was presented:

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 a copy of the report draft to the Commission on September 22nd.

Commissioner Denton led the commission through the report draft one page at a time and asked the commissioners to make suggestions for any changes or updates.

New Business and Commission Member Comments

Commissions will end on October 9, 2025, for those members who have been with the commission since its inception. Staff Liaison Veerman asked if the commission wanted to schedule a special meeting prior to that date as a last opportunity to go through the report with all commissioners. He said he would send some possible meeting dates out to the commission members.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried (viva voce).

The Meeting Adjourned at 2:21 PM.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Scott Denton, Chairperson

ATTEST



Aaron Veerman, Staff Liaison