

Police Commission

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, City Hall
149 Church Street, 2nd Floor Burlington, VT 05401**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chair Shakuntala Rao
- Commissioner Carolyn Hanson (Via Zoom)
- Commissioner Jessica Oski
- Commissioner Susan Comerford (via Zoom)
- Commissioner Mary Cox (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Burlington Police Chief, Jon Murad
- City Attorney, Haley McClanahan
- Tim Williams, Clerk

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Rao called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm due to technical difficulties.

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Five commissioners were present, constituting a quorum. Chief Jon Murad and City Attorney Haley McClanahan were also present.

1.3. Additions or Modifications to Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

VOTING:

Motion to approve the agenda as posted; unanimous, motion carries.

2. Commission Actions

2.1. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on 03/26/2024

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Oski, seconded by Commissioner Comerford. No changes suggested.

VOTING:

Unanimous approval; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

3.1. Public Addresses Commission

Public commentary included remarks from residents concerning community-police relations and the need for enhanced transparency and resources for addiction and mental health crises within the community.

4. Police Department Items

4.1. Chief's Report

Chief Murad presented the report, highlighting ongoing efforts and updates in department operations and outreach initiatives. The Chief discussed recent changes to Department Directive DD40 to better reflect current practices.

4.2. Review Draft Copy of DD40

Discussion on the revised draft of Department Directive DD40, focusing on updates and compliance with recent recommendations and policies.

5. Use of Force Reports

5.1. March and April Use of Force Reports

Reports reviewed; no requests for body-worn camera footage or further action.

6. Commissioner Comments

- Commissioners discussed the importance of community engagement and ongoing training enhancements.

7. Commendations

- No commendations were presented.

8. Commission Business

8.1. City of Burlington Dog Task Force Report - Discussion

Discussion on the recommendations from the Dog Task Force, including the potential implications and next steps for policy adjustments.

8.2. Police Commission Annual Report for 2023

Formation of a subcommittee to compile the annual report was proposed.

8.3. Recommendations to Joint Committee on Charter Change of Police Oversight

Discussion on proposed changes and updates to be forwarded to the joint committee.

8.4. BWC Camera Policy Discussion and Approval

Final review and approval of the updated Body Worn Camera policy.

9. Adjournment

9.1. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Keefe, seconded by Commissioner Oski.

VOTING:

Unanimous; meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

