

Police Commission
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Remote via Zoom and In-person in Contois Auditorium, City Hall
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioner Oski, Commissioner Keefe, Commissioner Finnerman

Members Online: Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Rao, Commissioner Comerford

Staff Present: Police Chief Jon Murad, Counselor Hayley McClenahan, Administrative Assistant Kristen Kaichen, Command Staff Assistant Shibe Couchman

Public Present: One unknown individual

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Commissioner Oski.

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All Commissioners present except for Commissioner Depper.

1.3. Chair Step Down Announcement

Chair vacancy announced.

1.4. Chair Nominations

Commissioner Depper nominated by Commissioner Oski.

1.5. Vote on New Chair

Commissioner Depper; motioned, seconded, approved.

1.6. Motions for Additions or Modifications to Agenda (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

Motioned, seconded, approved unanimously.

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from November 26, 2024

Moved, seconded, approved unanimously.

3. Public Forum (Time Limited: 10 Minutes)

3.1. The Public is Invited to Address the Commission

No participants in public forum.

4. Commission Business (Time Limited: 30 Minutes)

4.1. Welcome New Commissioner Michaela Finnerman

Gives brief remarks about excitement to begin her role.

4.2. Discussion of Current Commission Business (including reports from all committees and discussion of priorities)

None

4.3. Discussion of DD03 - Fair and Impartial Policing

Commissioner Oski motioned to have the city of Burlington continue to use the March 2020 policy until the Board reviews their options on provisions with an attorney. Clarifications were made, in which Commissioner Oski then motioned to table further discussion on DD03 until the Police Commission can consult with legal counsel to gain Vermont CJC approval on provisions to the new DD03. Current DD03 to remain in effect. Motioned, seconded, and approved.

4.4 Discussion of Deputy Chief Interview Assistance by Commission

Commissioner Cox will sit on the interview panel for since DC opening.

5. Chief's Report (Time Limited: 30 Minutes)

5.1. February 2025 Chief's Report

Chief Murad touched on different events held and supported by the BPD, as well as provided some data on employment and gunfire.

5.2. Preliminary Year-End Report 2024

Extensive slideshow provided. Chief Murad discussed in further detail the data between Officers and the frequency of attending Priority 1 calls. Discussion on the importance of mental and physical health outlets for Officers.

6. Commendations (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

6.1. Officer Commendations

Commendations were provided for Officer Webster, Lt. Seller, Officer Lockerby, Officer Campbell, Officer Gonzalez, Officer Huynh, ECS Murray, the entire BPD and the CAIP division.

7. Other Commission Business

7.1. Announcement of Next Meeting Date

No comments made. No executive session.

8. Adjournment

8.1. Motion to Adjourn

The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 7:01pm.