

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

Members Present: Commissioner Depper, Commissioner Keefe, Commissioner Finnerman, and Commissioner Oski

Members Online: Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Comerford

Staff Present: Interim Police Chief Shawn Burke, Counselor Hayley McClenahan, Executive Manager Shannon Trammell, and Command Staff Assistant Shibe Couchman

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All Commissioners present except Commissioner Rao

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 February 25th, 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. Committee Reports from All Committees

Nothing to report on complaints.

The Animal Control Committee met 3/20/25 for a second hearing on Vicious Dog from 2024, a decision will be made soon.

4.2. Committee Changes

None

4.3. Discussion of DD03 – Fair and Impartial Policing

Moved to table discussion until further prepared, seconded, approved.

4.4 Discussion of Joint Meeting(s) with Public Safety Committee

Counselor Grant asked for a joint meeting with the Public Safety Committee. Proposes a joint agenda to provide clear reasons and direction for the meeting. Build cross-community relations. Topical presentation concerning community/law enforcement.

5. Police Department Business (Time Limited: 30 Minutes)

5.1. March 2025 Chief's Report

Interim Chief Burke took time to introduce himself and give a brief overview of his roll takeover. Commissioner Finnerman makes note of Women's History Month, highlighting the female statistics with the BPD provided in the Chief's Report.

6. Commendations (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

6.1. Officer Commendations

Officers Huynh, Officer Costanzi, and Officer Thayer were mentioned, as well as the entire BPD. Commissioner Cox offers idea to have commendations be read at roll call for Officers to hear.

7. Announcement of Next Meeting Date

N/A

8. Adjournment

8.1. Motion to Adjourn

The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 6:44pm.