

**Public Safety Committee
Thursday, March 20, 2025
Remote via Zoom
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Melo Grant (Chair), Mark Barlow, Carter Neubieser

Staff Present: Kristen Kaichen (Legal Administrative Assistant), Michael LaChance (Fire Chief), Michael Curtin (Battalion Chief)

Public Present: Jacob Alfar, Julia DiPietro

Meeting called to order at 5:37 PM by Councilor Grant.

**1. Adopt the Agenda
1.01 Adopt the Agenda**

Motion to Adopt Agenda as amended to add a 15-minute discussion with Jacob Alfar on his experience working for BPD to follow Item 6.

*Motion by Councilor Grant, Seconded by Councilor Barlow
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: Unanimous*

**2. Adopt Minutes
2.01 Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from February 20, 2025**

*Motion to adopt draft minutes from February 20, 2025 as written.
Motion by Councilor Barlow, Seconded by Councilor Grant
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: Unanimous*

**3. Public Forum
3.01 Verbal Comments**

No speakers for public forum. Public forum closed at 5:40.

Public Forum reopened following Agenda Item 7.01.

Julia DiPietro asked about the City's plan to address graffiti. Councilor Grant responded not as much cleaning is done for graffiti in the winter so it always looks worse in the spring but also assured DiPietro that the Mayor is looking into putting together a team to address this issue.

Public forum closed at 7:16.

4. Fire Department Update

4.01 Fire Department Update

Chief LaChance reviewed the latest Fire Commission report and lateral hiring data.

No action was taken.

5. Police Department

To give time for BPD to join the meeting for this item, the Committee moved to Agenda Item 6.01.

5.01 Updates

Councilor Grant reviewed notes sent by Executive Manager Trammell with various BPD updates, following Item 8.01.

No action was taken.

5.02 February 2025 Chief's Report

The Committee reviewed the latest Chief's Report from February.

No action was taken.

6. Community Safety Kiosk

6.01 Next steps in gathering information from the public – Review of survey form

The Committee discussed next steps for surveying the community for their input on the public safety kiosk.

No action was taken.

7. Discussion with Jacob Alfar about BPD

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Jacob Alfar presented on his experience in working for BPD as a Community Service Officer.

No action was taken.

87. Other Committee Business

87.01 What's next for this committee after Organization Day?

The Committee shared various community safety updates from the City and the Mayor, following Item 9.02.

No action was taken.

98. Police Commission Updates

98.01 DD03 Statewide Policy on Fair and Impartial Policing

Councilor Grant let the Committee know she would be following this item and providing updates from the Police Commission to the Committee.

No action was taken.

98.02 Use of Force Reports – Should this Committee Also Review?

The Committee considered if they should review Use of Force reports and what the format could look like. Councilor Grant mentioned she would be setting up a meeting with the new Police Commission Chair.

No action was taken.

109. Adjournment

109.01 Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned with no objection by Councilor Grant at 7:55 PM.