

Police Commission
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Remote via Zoom and In-person in Contois Auditorium
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 and Command Staff Assistant Shibe Couchman (online)

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Depper.

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All Commissioners present.

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 March 25th, 2025

Moved, seconded, approved unanimously.

3. Public Forum (Time Limited: 10 Minutes)

3.1. The Public is Invited to Address the Commission

Two public participants:

Todd DeLuca spoke to give his thanks to Lt. Henry from the BPD.

Will Lambek spoke on behalf of the organization Migrant Justice during the DD03 discussion.

4. Commission Business (Time Limited: 30 Minutes)

4.1. Committee Reports from All Committees

Re-confirming the Animal Control Committee met 3/20/25 for a second hearing on Vicious Dog from 2024, a decision made and published.

No discussion from the Complaints Committee

4.2. Committee Changes

None

4.3. Discussion of DD03 – Fair and Impartial Policing

Commissioner Oski proposed additions/modifications to DD03. Will Lambek of Migrant Justice spoke on behalf of the organization to offer insight to their recommended changes to DD03.

Commissioner Keefe asked to review input from both the BPD and City's Attorney in addition to

Migrant Justice before sending an edited document to VCJC. Commissioner Oski moves to table the item and refer the current draft to the VCJC with cover letter to raise a question about parenthetical in the document after full review by all Commissioners. Approved unanimously.

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

5.1. March 2025 Chief's Report

Chief discussed data trends provided by City Analyst Jeff Nicholson as well as commented on the role structure of the BPD and current Department projects.

Commissioner Oski commented on the data points used in the metrics in comparison to previous data collection. Chief Burke says how only one incident type has been added but all others have been used previously.

6. Commendations (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

6.1. Officer Commendations

Officer Erin Bartle and CARES Team Clinician Carly Levinson commendations.

7. Announcement of Next Meeting Date

June 24th, 2025.

8. Adjournment

8.1. Motion to Adjourn

The Commission adjourned the public meeting.

9. Executive Session

9.1 Motion to Move to Executive Session

The Commission proposed and moved to Executive Session.