

Police Commission
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Remote via Zoom and In-person in Contois Auditorium City Hall
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioner Depper and Commissioner Ginorio

Members Online: Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Comerford, Commissioner Finneran and Commissioner Brooks Fast

Staff Present: Interim Chief Burke present, Interim Deputy Chief Young present, Command Staff Assistant Shibe Couchman online

Public Present: None

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Commissioner Depper.

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All Commissioners present except Commissioner Paul.

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

N/A

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from July 22nd, 2025

Commissioner Ginorio proposed additional language to previous section 4.5. which was passed.

3. Public Forum (Time Limited: 10 Minutes)

3.1. The Public is Invited to Address the Commission

No public present to comment.

4. Commission Business (Time Limited: 30 Minutes)

4.1. Committee Reports from All Committees

Complaints Committee

Chair Depper comments about updating the website and how that process has started.

Commissioner Cox asks if all complaints will be posted to the SharePoint for all Commissioners to be able to review.

Commissioner Comerford asks for clarity on who will review the complaints.

Chief Burke suggests that the Police Commission Complaints Committee engages with DC LaBarge on reviewing complaints.

4.2. Directive Review

DD14.1 – Body Worn Camera Systems

Commissioner Ginorio gives her opinion on body worn cameras as context for her questions about the directive. Commissioner Ginorio then asks Chief Burke questions for clarity on the

directive. Upon answering all questions, the Commission votes on the directive. Unanimously passed.

DD29 – Online Crime Reporting

Commissioner Ginorio asks Chief Burke for definitions for terms “computer crime” and “theft of rental property”. Upon clarification, the Commission voted and unanimously passed the directive.

4.3 Retreat Agenda Discussion

Potential Speakers

Potential Topics

Both simultaneously opened to discussion. Commissioner Ginorio has reservations about only having the Police Commission and BPD in the room. Commissioner Comerford presents the idea of having an environment where Commissioners make speak more freely and get to know each other.

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

5.1 August 2025 Chief’s Report

Deputy Chief Young introduces himself to the Commission as it is his first meeting.

Chief Burke reviews data on downtown foot patrols/directed patrols, monthly downtown arrest totals, 2025 & 2021-2024 top BPD incident averages, and day/night shift activity in 2025 calls for service vs officer initiated. Chief Burke also talks about the social media and recruitment efforts, as well as current initiatives.

Commissioner Comerford asked for additional data for next Commission

6. Commendations (Time Limited: 15 Minutes)

6.1 BPD Commendations

CSL Brigid was recognized for her work.

7. Commission Chair Nominations

Commissioner Finneran nominates Chair Depper.

8. Commission Chair Vote

Chair Depper unanimously voted to be Chair, passed.

Commissioner Comerford proposed the idea of co-chairs which will be added to the next meeting’s agenda.

9. Announcement of Next Meeting Date

September 23, 2025

10. Adjournment

8.1. Motion to Adjourn

The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 7:21pm.