

Public Safety Committee
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Remote via Zoom/In-Person in Contois Auditorium, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Burlington,
Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Melo Grant (Chair), Mark Barlow, Buddy Singh

Staff Present: Hayley McClenahan (Assistant City Attorney), Michael Curtin (BFD Chief), Shawn Burke (BPD Chief)

Public Present: Scott Lavallee (Howard Center Assistant Director of Crisis Services), Tammy Boudah (Howard Center Team Lead for Street Outreach), Sarah George (State's Attorney), Kevin Bloom, Will Lambeck

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM by Councilor Grant.

1. Adopt the Agenda
1.01 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda as written.

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

2. Adopt Minutes
2.01 Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from January 29, 2026

Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from January 29, 2026.

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

3. BFD Report (5 min)
3.01 BFD High Level Report

Chief Curtin reviewed the Fire Department's February response and personnel data. No action was taken.

4. Howard Center Report (10 min)
4.01 Howard Center Report

Tammy Boudah and Scott Lavallee with the Howard Center presented the FY26 Quarter 2 Report to the Committee. No action was taken.

5. State's Attorney Data w/ Sarah George (30 min)

5.01 Sarah George - Data, including Accountability Court Results

State's Attorney Sarah George presented the Community Accountability Court update, prepared by Deputy State's Attorney Weight, who was assigned to prosecute Accountability Court cases. No action was taken.

6. BPD Report (10 min)

6.01 BPD High Level Report, March 11th Update

Councilor Grant stated the next special City Council meeting originally set for March 31 has been rescheduled for April 8. Chief Burke gave an overview on the status of investigations and reports following the March 11 incident followed by Committee discussion. SA George commented BPD had not sent her any cases yet, but that she did not expect to receive anything until after investigations were complete. No action was taken.

7. Public Forum (Time Certain: 6:30 PM)

7.01 Verbal Comments

Burlington resident Kevin Bloom commented on what they witnessed as a peaceful protestor against ICE on Dorset Street, South Burlington on March 11, describing the officers' conduct that they believe was intended to provoke protestors.

Will Lambeck of Ward 2 spoke on behalf of Migrant Justice, commenting on their disappointment in the March 23rd City Council meeting, stating that officials' response to the public's comments demonstrated a lack of compassion and empathy for those who suffered violence at the hands of law enforcement and asks that councilors reflect on their responses. Lambek also asked the Committee and Police Department to answer what aid was rendered and records demonstrated the summons of emergency medical services, as required by Executive Order 2026-1. Lambek also asked what, if any, officers notified their supervisors of apparent violations of state law by federal agents on March 11, as required by EO 2026-1. Lastly, Lambek asked what investigations have been started and what cases the Chittenden County State's Attorney's office has received regarding the incident, as well as what reports the Mayor's Office or Police Commission has received regarding unlawful conduct by federal agents and whether those reports would be made public. Lambek stated Migrant Justice's stance continues to be that Burlington Police Department's actions violated the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy and hopes for action from the Council and Department for accountability and protocol reform.

Public forum closed at 6:47 PM.

8. Adjournment

8.01 Motion to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 7:00 PM.