

Police Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 12th, 2026
Remote via Zoom and In-person in Sharon Bushor Conference Room City Hall
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioner Depper, Commissioner Ginorio

Members Online: Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Finneran, Commissioner Fast, Commissioner Paul

Staff Present: Interim Chief Burke, Attorney Hayley McClenahan, Command Staff Assistant Shibe Couchman online.

1. Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm by Commissioner Depper.

1.2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Required quorum present.

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

Chair Depper motions to add Commissioner Fast completing her oath for the Police Commission to the top of the agenda right before the adoption of minutes. Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Passes unanimously.

2. Commissioner Fast Commission Swearing-In

Commissioner Fast is virtually sworn in by Chief Burke.

3. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from April 28th, 2026

Chair Depper moves to adopt, Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Passes unanimously.

4. Public Forum (Time Limited: 10 Minutes)

4.1. The Public is Invited to Address the Commission

Laura Ullman asks why the meeting is to mostly be in Executive Session. It is clarified that only personnel issues will be discussed, not the report of the mayor.

5. Motion to Approve Bylaws as Written

5.1 Bylaws Motion

Commissioner Ginorio brings forward that in section 14.3 the wording may be confusing. Commissioner Cox says that the last sentence does not make sense to her. Commissioner Cox motions to add the word “also” into the second sentence, Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Passes unanimously.

Commissioner Cox moves to say that instead of saying DD40 and the Complaint Policy of the day it was adopted, say “will follow Commission Policy and Department Directive”. Chair Depper seconds. Passes unanimously.

Chair Depper moves to adopt the bylaws as written, with the modifications in mind, as the Burlington Police Commission Bylaws. Commissioner Ginorio seconds. Passes unanimously. Written and amended as of May 12th.

6. Proposed Executive Session

6.1. Proposed Executive Session – Personnel Discussion, March 11th Mutual Aid Response
Motioned by Chair Depper. Seconded by Commissioner Ginorio. Passes unanimously.

7. Announcement of Next Meeting Date

May 26th, 2026.

8. Adjournment

8.1. Motion to Adjourn

The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 5:26pm.