



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
**TUESDAY, February 19, 2019**  
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019**. Commissioner Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Randall Harp, Commissioner Jim Dunn, Commissioner Bob Simpson and Commissioner Peter Bahrenburg. Also present: Chief del Pozo, DC Murad, DC Wright, Corporal Kratochvil, and Police Commission Clerk Laura Cheney. Commissioner Dunn stood in as the Chair for the evening.

**Additions or Modifications to Agenda**

- None

**Public Forum**

- None

**Chief's Report**

- Community Academy wrapped up last week and was another success.
- The county has seen a 50% reduction in overdose deaths from 2017 to 2018. While there is much more work to do be done, it is hopeful news.
- We now have 5 academy recruits at the Academy, after one left the academy.
- The Breakroom was recently renovated, courtesy of the Police Foundation and has been much appreciated by the employees.
- In regard to harassment of Kiah Morris and the investigation, the Chief noted that we take matters such as this very seriously and make arrests as we are able.
- Daniel Troidl will be the state's investigator of the VPA case. Our witnesses will be available to him, including 8-10 officers.
- A few weeks ago, the Chief visited The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery for a conference, and he remarked on how impressive the memorial is in commemorating the legacy of slavery, lynching and treatment of African Americans that impacts us each day.

**Review of Incoming Correspondence**

- During the ice storm, several employees stepped up during their free time to assist in Dispatch, who was flooded with accidents and more.

**Directive 43: Reporting of Corruption and other Misconduct**

- Section 3A&B - Commissioner Harp suggested changing "sustained" to "substantiated" to eliminate any confusion.
- Commissioner Bahrenburg made a motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Harp, all in favor, Directive 43 adopted.

**BPD Social Media Policy**

- Commissioner Dunn followed up with the City Attorney who shared working drafts of the City Social Media policies for the commission to review. These would apply city-wide.
- Chief del Pozo noted that this came up at the Dept Heads meeting as well, and he also spoke with the City Attorney and discussed examples from around the nation.

- Commissioner Dunn noted there could be an impact on collective bargaining, and the drafts should be brought up with the BPOA Board to alleviate any concerns.

**Powers & Function of the Police Commission**

- The Public Safety Committee convened in late January, and Chair Michele Asch and Commissioner Bahrenburg attended in regard to the “Role of the Police Commission”.
- Commissioner Bahrenburg noted they agreed to report twice a year to the City Council regarding complaints, and the efficacy of the process.
- The Committee also suggested adding a purpose statement to the draft.

**Youth Commissioner Opportunity**

- Landen, a sophomore from BHS, shared his interest in joining as a youth commissioner. He recently moved to the area and is intrigued by public service and looking to explore it as a career opportunity.
- Commissioner Bahrenburg motioned to bring him on; seconded by Commissioner Simpson, all in favor, confirmed.
- Commissioner Harp will work with CEDO to expand recruitment in the future.
- Clerk Cheney will work with Landen to include him on future correspondence.

**Commissioners’ Updates/Comments:**

- Commissioner Harp inquired about Houston’s no-knock warrant execution.
- Chief noted that we do not serve no-knock warrants, as we believe it is not the safest approach, even if a judge has issued one.
- The BPD conducts an ops plan with each warrant execution, which require a Chief’s approval.

**Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings: January 22nd Minutes**

- Commissioner Harp motioned to accept; Commissioner Bahrenburg seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor, minutes approved.

**Next Meeting’s Agenda Items and Date:**

- Next meeting –scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>
- BPD Social Media Policy
- Commissioner Dunn will be away for March.

**Adjournment:**

- Commissioner Simpson motioned to conclude, Commissioner Harp seconded, adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Laura Cheney  
Police Commission Clerk

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