

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Community Room at the Burlington Police Department on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Vice Chair Jerry O'Neill, Commissioner Paul Hochanadel, Commissioner Nyree Miles and Commissioner Christine Kemp Longmore. Also present were Chief Brandon del Pozo, Deputy Chief Jan Wright and Kimberly Caron, Police Commission Clerk.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:

~There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

Public Forum:

~Several people addressed the Commission regarding their concern for the 3/21/16 officer involved shooting incident.

~One person addressed the Commission to thank the Department for carrying Narcan in the police cruisers.

Race Data Analysis discussion with Stephanie Seguino:

~Dr. Stephanie Seguino shared her preliminary findings regarding the 2015 RDC analysis. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kenney suggested a discussion on what the Department's Anti-bias training looks like be added to the next meeting agenda. Official copies of the research and presentation should be available by the end of April.

Chief's Report:

~In February there was an incident regarding a stolen vehicle. The woman operating the vehicle hit the Police Department building, causing approximately \$50,000 in damage to one wall of the building.

~The Department will have their yearly Community barbecue on May 5th, on North Street.

~ The Department has saved two lives with the Narcan the officers are now carrying. In one instance the Department was able to follow up and get one of the victims into treatment at Valley Vista shortly after the incident.

~Consultants came to the Department in February to look at the Department's body camera policy and compared it to national best practices. The Chief is working on financing to implement cameras for all officers in the coming Fiscal Year.

~The Department is transitioning to a smaller firearm which shoots a smaller caliber bullet, from a 40 caliber to a 9mm. The new handgun is adjustable for grip size, which makes it safer and easier to hold for officers. The new firearms will provide greater accuracy and control in crowded, urban environments.

~Deputy Chief Wright recently attended a conference in Colorado regarding their legalization of marijuana two years ago. DC Wright briefed the Commission on the conference details.

~The Chief briefed the Commission on the 3/21/16 officer involved shooting. The Chief reminded the Commission that the State Police investigation was not yet complete and therefore not all of the evidence or details could be released. Discussion followed. Follow up on the results of the VSP investigation will be added to next Commission agenda.

Update on DEA Arrest and Search Warrant Execution on 12/22/15:

~Vice Chair O'Neill briefed the Commission on his attempt to receive the Public Records for the DEA incident on 12/22/15. The 90 page redacted incident was not very helpful. Vice Chair O'Neill is pursuing getting a more non-redacted version of the incident and will update the Commission at the next meeting.

Update on Role of Commission:

~Chair Kenney informed the Commission that their size may be increased to 7 members, once the legislature approves the capacity change. The Commission discussed the CEDO civic engagement worksheet they were given and the next steps in defining their role as a Commission. The Commission decided to have Chair Kenney discuss this role with the Public Safety Committee.

Discussion of HSI MOU:

~The Public Safety Committee recommended the current version of the MOU draft regarding a partnership between BPD and Homeland Security be brought to the Commission for discussion.

~Jay Diaz with the ACLU wrote a letter to the Commission addressing his concern with the current language of the MOU. The ACLU is concerned with immigrants being targeted due to the powers the BPD will receive with this MOU. Will with Migrant Justice discussed his concerns with the current draft of the MOU. Discussion followed. The Commission suggested the Chief and Deputy Chief follow up with HSI to draft another version of the MOU, detailing exactly what the scope of the partnership will entail.

Incoming Correspondence:

~There was no incoming correspondence.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~There were no updates or comments.

Review Updated Directives:

~There were no directives to review.

Consent Agenda - Minutes of the 1/26/2016 and 2/24/2016 Meetings:

~Vice Chair O'Neill moved to approve the 1/26/2016 and 2/24/2016 minutes. Chair Kenney seconded; all in favor, so passed.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:

~The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

~Chair Kenney requested an update on the DEA Arrest and Search Warrant Execution on December 22, 2015 be added to the agenda.

~Chair Kenney requested a discussion on the Department's Anti-Bias Policing training be added to the agenda.

~Chair Kenney requested an update on the Role of the Commission be added to the agenda.

~Chair Kenney requested an update on the 3/21/16 officer involved shooting incident be added to the agenda.

~Chair Kenney requested that updates on the Domestic Violence Prevention Officer position and the Race Data Collection Analysis be added to the May Commission meeting agenda.

Executive Session:

~ Chair Kenney moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a disciplinary action against a public officer and employee. Vice Chair O'Neill seconded; all in favor, so passed. Executive Session entered at 9:00 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 9:10 p.m.

Adjournment:

~Vice Chair O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Chair Kenney seconded; all in favor, so passed.